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Case against actress's friend halted

Inquiry into row over 'trial by the media'

BY FRANCES GIBB AND ALEXANDRA FREAN

THE Attorney-General launched an unprecedented inquiry into the activities of national newspapers yesterday after a trial was stopped for what the judge called unlawful, misleading, scandalous and malicious reporting.

The move, which angered editors, came after Judge Sanders halted the prosecution of Geoff Knights, boyfriend of the *EastEnders* actress Gillian Taylforth, for wounding and assault.

Judge Sanders, sitting at Harrow Crown Court, accused the press of a "grave abuse of process" and ordered the case papers to be sent to the Attorney general so that contempt proceedings could be considered against some editors. He also asked the Director of Public Prosecutions to investigate the possibility that individual journalists made illegal approaches to prosecution witnesses.

The Attorney-General, Sir Nicholas Lyell QC, immediately announced that he would look at the press material put before the court and consider contempt proceedings. He has also asked police *to investigate* whether "certain journalists have colluded with and suborned prosecution witnesses".

The tough line comes at a time of mounting concern among senior judges that Britain *is drifting towards* "O.J. Simpson style" pre-trial publicity as solicitors in high-profile cases hold press conferences. But while newspapers reacted with disbelief to the judge's comments, lawyers blamed the Attorney-General for not acting against newspapers in the past. Mark Stephens, who launched legal proceedings against Sir Nicholas for failing to prosecute newspapers for their coverage of the Taylor sisters' murder trial, said that Britain was moving towards "trial by media" as police leaked information to the press. "You then get partial, partisan evidence picked over by the media which sets the agenda in advance of the trial." He said that Sir Nicholas's failure to *enforce the law had seduced* the press into thinking it was open season.



Knights: wounding case abandoned

Richard Stott, editor of *Today*, described Judge Sanders's remarks as completely hysterical. "If he seriously saying that nobody can report a crime in case somebody is later charged with committing it, it is nonsense. What happens if there is a big bomb and *someone is arrested running* away from the scene of the crime — does this mean that we can not now say that 15 people died in the explosion?"

Mr Knights, a 41-year-old consultant, had been due to *face trial at the Harrow court* on October 16 accused of causing Miss Taylforth's driver Martin Davies grievous bodily harm with intent. He also faced an alternative charge of unlawfully wounding the driver outside the couple's north London home on Easter Sunday.

The incident and Mr Knights's arrest were reported *nationally, as was his initial* appearance at the magistrates' court. There was also widespread coverage when he was jailed over a weekend for breaking a bail condition banning him from contacting Miss Taylforth.

Yesterday, the judge condemned a string of tabloid papers for their coverage as he ordered the proceedings to be "stayed" — the legal term meaning the case will never be heard — adding that some writers appeared to be conducting a hate campaign against Mr Knights. He particularly criticised Lynda Lee-Potter of the *Daily Mail* who had quoted Miss Taylforth and mentioned Mr Knights's previous convictions, and Terry O'Hanlon of the *Sunday Mirror who described* Mr Knights as "jail bait".

Adverse pre-trial publicity was cited at the Court of Appeal last year when Michelle and Lisa Taylor had their convictions for the murder of Alison Shaughnessy quashed, but the Knights case is believed to be the first where media coverage has been the sole reason for abandoning a *trial before it has started.*

Mr Knights's defence council, Jerome Lynch had argued then that the proceedings should not go ahead because the pre-trial publicity was "unlawful, misleading, and *scandalous" to the extent that* it made it impossible for his client to have a fair trial.

The judge's criticisms were rejected last night by the newspapers concerned. Daniel Taylor, solicitor for News International, *which owns Today* and *The Sun* as well as *The Times*, said that the decision to halt the trial "may encourage similar applications, which may have implications for free speech".

Charles Collier-Wright, legal manager of the Mirror Group, said that for contempt to be proved, it must be shown that there was a substantial *risk of serious prejudice to the* proceedings. "That doesn't mean there must be no reporting at all."

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ANDRE CAMARA



Opposite reactions: Tony Blair and John Prescott listen to David Blunkett at the Labour conference yesterday

Blair rides out an onslaught by Hattersley over schools

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

LABOUR will curb the independence of grant-maintained schools, including ending selection by examinations and *interviews with parents*, David Blunkett, its education spokesman, pledged yesterday.

But opt-out schools would survive under a Labour government, in spite of a sustained Brighton assault on Tony Blair's "keep them" policy from Roy Hattersley, the former deputy leader, and constituency activists. In a debate that shattered party conference harmony, Mr Blair defeated an attempt to hand all schools back to local authority control.

The day after his conference speech was hailed as a triumph, *Mr Blair faced a* charge of betrayal from the floor for his decision to send his son, Euan, to the grant-maintained London Oratory School. And there was a furious clash between Mr Hattersley and Mr Blunkett.

Mr Hattersley won a standing ovation after deriding the leadership's proposals for foundation schools as opt-out schools by another name, *saying they were "absolutely* beyond understanding". Delegates cheered him as he declared: "For God's sake, let's stop apologising for comprehensive schools."

Mr Blunkett, who had told *friends he wanted to "have it* out with Roy", hit back angrily, accusing Mr Hattersley of playing into the hands of the Conservatives. He told *him "those who did not come* up with solutions should not turn on those who have".

The new education policy, criticised by some as having been tailored to fit in with Mr Blair's schooling plans for his *son, was eventually* backed by a comfortable margin. But concerns among activists who believe the softening of Labour's opposition to opt-out schools and its traditional *support for comprehensives is* a change too far was apparent.

Labour's *move to reform* GM schools comes as John Major draws up proposals to make them the norm, giving them far greater independence *from local and national politi*cians. They would be allowed to choose pupils in any way they wanted, either by entrance exam or by interview.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, said Labour *was, in effect, planning to* abolish GM schools by taking away their independence. "Their proposal for foundation schools is a fudge designed to hide Labour's embarrassment at Tony Blair's choice of school."

In interviews later, Mr Blunkett emphasised GM schools would lose their privileges, particularly over *funding. He told the BBC:* "Social selection is not acceptable. That means we must remove selections by parental interview." However, it was emphasised that church schools could still select on religious grounds.

The difficulties faced by Mr Blair as he tries to flesh out policy commitments were underlined yesterday by renewed confusion over his promise to keep a *publicly owned railway* system.

Mr Blair and Michael Meacher, the transport spokesman, both declined to confirm the railways would be fully "renationalised". It is *clear several schemes are* under consideration.

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Cracks start to show among O J jury

FROM GILES WHITTELL AND IAN BRODIE IN LOS ANGELES

THE silence of the O.J. Simpson jurors, who swore not to talk to the media, was broken within hours of their verdicts. One woman juror said she agreed to acquit Mr Simpson *of the two murders even* though she thought he "probably did do it".

A tearful Anise Aschenbach told her daughter, Denise, that she had voted "not guilty" because of Detective Mark *Fuhrman, the officer shown to* have lied in the witness box about his racist remarks.

Relaying a telephone conversation, Denise told reporters: "I said something like 'Gosh, you're kidding me'. *And she said 'No'.*" Mrs Aschenbach, one of only two whites on the jury, was still "real shook up", her daughter added.

In a full-length interview, juror Lionel Cryer dismissed the prosecution case as "garbage". The question of race rated "barely a blip" on jurors' radar screens. Mr Cryer, a black 44-year-old marketing *executive, told the Los Angeles Times.*

"We felt there were a lot of opportunities for ... contamination of evidence" said Mr Cryer, who complained of being "very stir crazy" after *nine months of jury service.*

Other jurors, maintaining their silence, ran the gauntlet of the media camped outside their homes.

The jury forewoman is known to have been offered £100,000 by a tabloid newspaper for her story.

Polls yesterday showed that America is split by the case. A nationwide survey by the *Los Angeles Times found* 50 per cent disagree with the jury, 41 per cent agree and 9 per cent are unsure.

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Court defeat for Leeson

Lawyers acting for Nick Leeson, the trader blamed for bringing down Barings, the merchant bank, are to appeal to the Federal Constitutional Court after a German ruling *that he must return to Singa*pore to face trial.

A Frankfurt court upheld the extradition of Mr Leeson, who is in the city's main prison, on three charges of forgery, two of defrauding Barings Futures (Singapore) and six of defrauding the Singapore International Monetary Exchange (Simex). Only one charge, that of falsifying a document, was thrown out.

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MI5 chief calls for closer police ties

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Security Service and the police should join forces to combat the growth in organised crime, Stella Rimington, the Director-General of MI5, said last night.

Mrs Rimington said the threat was likely to increase because of the "ease and speed of communications and travel" and the weakening of border and passport controls.

The head of the Security Service's appeal for closer ties with the police and foreign law enforcement agencies was seen last night as part of her campaign to expand MI5's role. In recent meetings with the Home Office, Customs and Excise, and Scotland Yard, Mrs Rimington is known to have recommended *that MI5 assist the police in* "non-traditional" areas such as organised crime and drug trafficking. MI5's traditional functions have focused on espionage, subversion and terrorism.

Her latest public attempt to promote MI5's intelligence-gathering expertise was made during a lecture to mark the *seventy-fifth anniversary of* the English Speaking Union. Addressing an invited audience at Skinners' Hall in the City of London, Mrs Rimington said that countering organised crime would require "those same methods which have been developed to deal with more familiar threats, such as terrorism".

She said: "This means the same strategic approach, the same investigative techniques. But, above all, it means the same close national and international co-operation between security-intelligence and law enforcement agencies."

Mrs Rimington said the impact and seriousness of organised crime on Britain was still being assessed, "but there seems little doubt that crime of this sort will grow".

The "tried and tested" techniques used to catch spies and monitor Soviet intelligence officers had been adapted to meet the threat of international terrorism. Now that same expertise, including "classic, long-term investigations", was needed in dealing with the comparatively new phenomenon of organised crime.

Labour implored BBC to give Blair speech priority

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND ALEXANDRA FREAN

THE Labour Party tried to influence BBC and ITN coverage of Tony Blair's speech to the party conference on Tuesday by imploring the broadcasters not to lead their news programmes with the O.J. Simpson verdict, it emerged yesterday.

Alastair Campbell, Mr Blair's press secretary and a former political journalist, wrote to John Birt, of the BBC, and Nigel Dacre, of ITN, at lunchtime on Tuesday to try to ensure that the Simpson story did not eclipse coverage of Mr Blair.

In an identical letter to both he wrote: "Some of your journalists have suggested *that we are unlikely to get as* much coverage for the leader's speech as in previous years because of the O.J. Simpson trial verdict at 6pm. It has even been said that there is little chance of Mr Blair's speech leading your bulletins.

"While of course news judgments must be made in the light of other stories on any particular day, and while I fully understand there is much interest in the verdict, I would implore you not to lose sight both of the news value and of the importance to the country of Mr Blair's speech. I hope you will communicate our concerns."



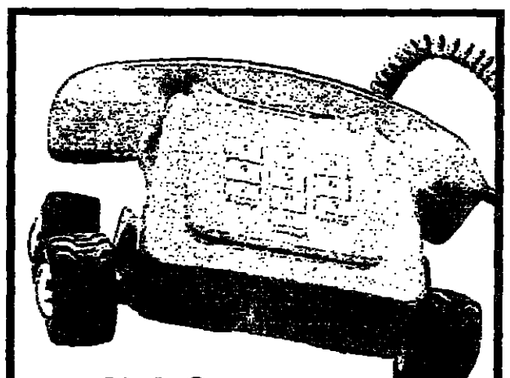
Campbell: BBC and ITN *rejected his approach*

Tony Hall, the BBC's managing director of news and current affairs, sent an immediate reply to Mr Campbell saying that the corporation was capable of making its own decisions. ITN ignored Mr Campbell's fax.

In the event, BBC1 led with Mr Blair's speech on the *Six O'Clock News*, but switched *quickly to live coverage of the* Simpson result. The *Nine O'Clock News* opened with an extended item on the Labour conference. ITN opened its early evening news and *News at Ten* with the O.J. Simpson report.

Mr Campbell's colleagues said yesterday that he had merely been doing his job, but the BBC was furious at suggestions that it had caved in. Peter Bell, head of BBC News, said: "There is always debate about news priorities, but to *suggest that the running order* of BBC news programmes was influenced under pressure is defamatory."

Mr Bell added that Malcolm Balen, who edited the *Nine O'Clock News* on Tuesday, *had not* even been aware of Mr Campbell's fax. A BBC official said *that neither Mr* Hall nor Mr Birt had been involved in deciding the running order of the *Nine O'Clock News*.



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Hattersley exposed as party's new outside left

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

FROM the Brighton podium yesterday, Roy Hattersley confronted his new hero's *pedestal on the Left with a* fastidious shudder. He had movingly restated beliefs he has held for 40 years. But so headlong has been new Labour's Rightward rush that, simply by staying still, Mr Hattersley has moved from centre-Right to far-Left. Now the comrades ("new comrades?" one delegate asked) love him. An unlikely demagogue, the famous essayist stood, bemused. A strange sound assailed those fleshy ears.

They were cheering. Cheering *him. They were standing* up! Maybe they wanted to lynch him? He is used to this. Hattersley hesitated, accepted *that the impossible had* occurred — he had pleased the rabble — and, eyeing the scene like a pudding he wasn't sure he had ordered, received their cheers. One recalled *Wind in the Willows* when Toad of Toad Hall becomes the hero of the ferrets and weasels.

It is not easy to picture the great gastronome manning the barricades with Dave Nellist, but we may have to try. Along with Liz Davies, new Labour's thought-police may now ban him. I left the *hall, and, passing a full-*colour portrait of Tony Blair on the cover of *Management Today*, walked down onto Brighton's shingle beach.

It was deserted. The sea rolled in. To my left a young couple stood by the waves in motionless embrace. On the skyline the giant arms of a funfare octopus-ride — the Palace Pier's "Sensational Ranger" — scissored the air. To my right the drowning chandelier of the ruined West *Pier tottered through the* breakers. By my feet was a skull-and-crossbones: *Danger — Mines.*

Onto the beach walked a score of cameramen, the Shadow Defence Secretary, David Clark, and one *Times* reporter. With them came a group who had buried dud landmines under the shingle and would now "find" them for the cameras. I must have taken new Labour too much to heart for I assumed this *was a sales pitch for* landmines, and that Mr Clark had been invited to approve of an explosion. But it was a protest against landmines. Clark put on a spacesuit with helmet and, wielding a mine-detector, began a Chuck Berry crabwalk across the shingle, swinging his detector as though strimming an explosive herbacious border.

The cameramen ignored him as they were waiting for Glenys Kinnock. Clark — lonely, fatuous: Godfrey in *Dad's Army* — was left strimming the shingle. An anti-smoking person with a giant cardboard cigarette pos*tured by the waves. Glenys* Kinnock arrived, dressed as an air hostess. She had not brought Neil in case he fell over.

Clark was pushed away. Spurning the helmet (it's harder to look caring in a helmet) Glenys donned the space jacket and grabbed a toddler, Angela, who had been raced up in a pushchair. Cradling the two-year-old, Mrs Kinnock pointed disapprovingly at a piece of shrapnel and told the child it was horrid. Angela looked in danger of putting it up her nose. The cameras whirred ("Glenys, could you go *that* way. Looking at Angela now ..."). *The toddler, a natural,* was now upstaging Mrs Kinnock and faces an uncertain fate. For an unforgivable *moment I fantasised that the* mine might not be a dud. What a photo op!

The cameramen, Glenys, the toddler and crew, departed. The cardboard cigarette departed. On the wind came the chant of a Hari Krishna group. On the pier the Sensational Ranger scissored on. On the beach the young lovers continued to embrace, frozen in passion, for all the world oblivious of what had just happened.

Perhaps nothing had.

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Tough regulations are demanded to safeguard vulnerable overseas students

Bogus university traced to flat in east London

BY DAVID CHARTER AND JOHN O'LEARY

A SELF-STYLED university college that launched a recruitment drive across 20 American campuses was traced by *The Times* last night to an answering machine at a flat in Hackney, east London.

The case of Islington College of London, which claims to be "a new British university sector college" with 2,000 full-time students, prompted fresh demands for tough regulations to safeguard overseas students.

The call for a statutory framework came from college watchdogs who said that only 100 out of 3,000 private colleges had joined a voluntary inspection scheme. It follows the departure of 15 students from Warnborough College, *near Oxford, who claimed* they were misled into believing they were attending the ancient university.

International student officers from at least 20 American universities were invited in March by Richard Williams, the assistant director of Islington College of London, to a London conference to learn more about the institution. A second letter offered them $5,000 (£3,300) each to attend followed by $4,000 per student, adding "naturally, any arrangements that we work out will always be kept confidential between us". The letter added: "I have personally discussed this plan with five overseas advisers from four US colleges. They all thought it would make a great deal of sense as a retirement plan to provide a much needed supplement to their own college pensions (usually not very high)". The first letter was



The street in Hackney given as the college address

taken so seriously by Americ*an university staff that an* alert about a possible sting was put out on the Internet. Fears appeared to be confirmed by the second letter, signed by the college chancellor, named, bizarrely, Lord Warning of St Innge. No universities are believed to have sent money to the college. However, at least one student travelled to London and arrived on the doorstep.

Investigations by trading standards officers were triggered after one concerned American tutor alerted the real City and Islington College. Tom Jupp, college principal, said: "We tried to investigate this because it clearly appears unethical, but the phone was never answered. We could never establish if it even existed."

Last night *The Times* spoke to the occupant of the top floor flat in Navarino Road, Hackney, Sonja Hood, who lives at the college's address, said she was paid "a couple of hundred pounds" to take messages from American universities.

The arrangement began in March and she broke it off in May after being bombarded with calls. She said she was put in touch with Mr Williams by an Australian friend, who was now travelling in Europe. Ms Hood said: "It was one of the sillier things I have done but it made me money and it seemed legal enough even if it was not completely ethical."

She added: "This guy just wanted messages taken for him for a month or so but we became deluged with calls at all times of the day. I never met him. I felt an idiot and I would like to get to the bottom of it. I don't know whether the organisation exists or not."

She said she had no telephone number for Mr Williams, who would call her for details of the messages from America. These have dried up since the summer, she said.

Robin Laidlaw, Chief Executive of the British Accreditation Council, said: "We think there should be regulation because bad money drives out good. The independent sector is important as a route into universities for overseas students, but there is very little information about the colleges. We don't even know the full size of the sector." The Government abandoned accreditation in 1982, and ministers have refused previous demands to reinstate the system.

Hildegarde Thomas, overseas study adviser for the University of Virginia, said she played along with the Islington College of London at first to try to investigate it, but pulled out when it wanted to use her name on publicity material.

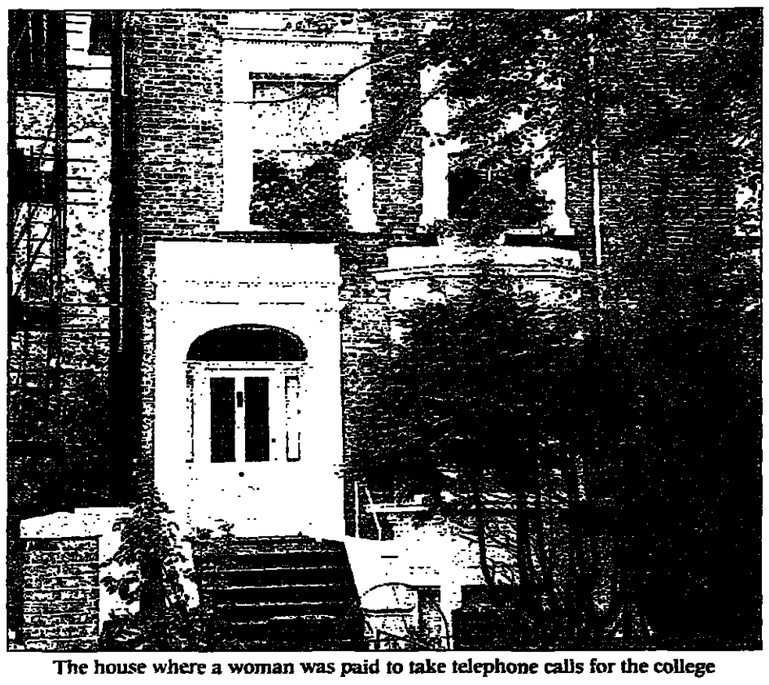
Mrs Thomas said: "I feel a great responsibility towards my students so I check everything out thoroughly. I think this one was definitely a scam. Offering $4,800 for me to fly over first class with my husband to London sounded too good to be true.

"A couple of times a year we get these kinds of things from Britain but it is generally trading on the Oxford or Cambridge name."

The Higher Education Funding Council for England confirmed the college was not publicly funded. The Department for Education and Employment said: "Islington College of London is not a recognised UK college. It is not illegal to call yourself a college and we could only take action if they said they were offering UK-recognised degrees."

Hackney Borough Council's trading standards officers called off their own investigation when the trail went cold. Spokeswoman Louise Muddle said: "No offence seems to have been committed but we cannot say anything about this organisation because we cannot find out anything more about it."

Mr Jupp said: "We tried to investigate this because it clearly appears unethical, but we have never managed to get the phone answered. We were never able to establish if it even existed."


The house where a woman was paid to take telephone calls for the college



MP puts the knife into Commons colleagues

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR and his Shadow Cabinet yesterday came under the most bitter personal onslaught yet delivered in public by a Labour MP.

In a book by Brian Sedgemore, the backbench Labour MP, that his colleagues will probably find more amusing than shocking, Mr Blair is accused of being an "eminently forgettable barrister" whose face is "distorted by a fixed grin". Mr Sedgemore's analysis of Mr Blair's political ideology is no more flattering.

He claims Mr Blair has "hijacked a political party in the pursuit of personal power" and is a "supporter of selective *education for his own family*", a reference to his decision to send his son to a grant-maintained school.

The book continues, in similarly caustic vein, that Mr Blair "hides himself away with his nappy-rash advisers" and "accepts money to run his private office from a slush fund, the Industrial Research Trust, whose benefactors are unknown".

In *The Insider's Guide to Parliament*, published on October 16, the left-wing MP for Hackney South and Shore*ditch rips into many of Mr* Blair's Shadow Cabinet members with similar gusto. The warts-and-all descriptions are listed in a section under the heading "The Real Who's Who of Politicians", as would be compiled by their political opponents.

Harriet Harman, the Shadow Employment Secretary, is described as "human being who turned into a maneater" who failed to "master the complexities of economic analysis". Jack Cunningham, the immaculately-dressed Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, is lampooned as Alderman Vanity, "the vainest MP in the House of Commons", while John Prescott, the Labour deputy leader, might be said by his opponents to be struggling with literacy, a male chauvinist with a big ego and difficult to work with.


Sedgemore: rips into fellow MPs with gusto

Ron Davies, the Shadow Welsh Secretary, is ranked in Mr Sedgemore's venomous tome as another vain frontbencher, having had the gall to have his teeth capped. Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, is savagely criticised over his decision not to stand for the Labour leadership and is reported to have angered his Shadow Cabinet colleagues through his friendship with Peter Mandelson, Mr Blair's adviser.

The sexual proclivities of many MPs are hinted at or openly described by the long-serving MP whose main previous claim to fame was as a writer for *Private Eye*, under the soubriquet *Justinianforthemoney*.

Bores of Westminster are listed as Euro-sceptics Bill Cash, Tory MP for Stafford, and Nigel Spearing, Labour MP for Newham South.

Although the book is billed as "explosive", most of its 143 pages comprise commonly-known tittle tattle of the Westminster corridors and an exhaustive compilation of facts gleaned from cuttings.

Rail discount is scrapped

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A DISCOUNTED rail ticket offer has been stopped because it was attracting the wrong kind of passenger.

ScotRail staff, who are normally obliged to tell travellers of the cheapest method of getting to their destination, say they have been threatened with disciplinary action if they tell passengers about the 33 per cent discount available for travelling on the Argyle line *from* Glasgow to Lanark.

The discount was brought in last month to reward long-suffering users of the line, which has been closed for ten months because of flooding. When it reopened on September 24, passengers buying tickets for journeys starting or finishing at any Argyle line station east of Bridgeton were given a one-third discount. *The offer runs until Saturday.*

It did not take long for passengers travelling to Glasgow from destinations such as Ayr and Largs to realise that they could save hundreds of pounds on their season tickets if they bought tickets to *Bridgeton but disembarked at* Glasgow Central Station.

An annual ticket from Ayr to Glasgow costs £1,204 but an annual ticket from Ayr to Bridgeton costs £806.70. Almost 100 of the discounted annual tickets have been sold in the past ten days. ScotRail staff who were advising customers that they could save money by buying an Argyle *line* ticket believed they were doing passengers a service but one ScotRail employee, who would not be named, said: "Staff are now being threatened with disciplinary action for advising customers on how to save money."

A spokesman *for ScotRail* admitted managers had consulted lawyers about the loophole but were told there was nothing that could be done. He denied threatening disciplinary action.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Abortion order on handicap girl, 17

A mentally handicapped girl aged 17 had an abortion on a judge's orders, it was disclosed yesterday. Mr Justice Pringle said she would have been unable to cope with pregnancy, motherhood or having the child adopted.

The girl, referred to only as S, was 12 weeks pregnant when the judge gave his ruling after a private hearing in the High Court in Belfast. In a reserved judgment released yesterday, he said termination of the pregnancy was clearly in the girl's best interests, although he emphasised that each case was different.

The matter was brought by the Western Health Board which had previously made the girl a ward of court. A consultant gynaecologist had given evidence that the girl did not know she was pregnant. A psychiatrist had said that, if the pregnancy continued, a mental breakdown was a strong possibility.

Drugs seized

Police seized two million capsules of the sleeping pill temazepam from a lorry in Feltham, west London. Detectives believe the haul was destined for Scotland, where thousands of addicts abuse the drug, often mixing it with heroin. Two men were being held yesterday and two more were released without charge. From next month possession of temazepam without a prescription will be illegal.

Land Rover blow

The Army's traditional ambulance, supplied by Land Rover since 1948, could soon be replaced by an Austrian all-terrain vehicle after a Ministry of Defence procurement committee recommended against buying British. Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, is due to make a decision by the end of the month after trials in which the Pinzgauer is said to have out-performed the Land Rover.

Cabinet council

Lambeth Council in south London is to pay nearly £500,000 a year to recruit six "highly ambitious" executive directors to transform the discredited local authority into a showpiece. The executives will have wider powers and responsibilities than traditional local government chief officers and form a kind of cabinet, developing strategies, planning and ensuring co-ordination, as well as running their own departments.

Obscure choice

Edinburgh has beaten Oxford as the location for a new film based on *Jude The Obscure*. Thomas Hardy's novel was set in the fictional town of Christminster, which was based on Oxford. However, the producers chose Edinburgh because its cobbled streets, Georgian architecture and winding closes looked older. Many of the buildings in Oxford had been cleaned recently and looked too pristine.

Carey plea

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, condemned the destruction of mosques and ethnic cleansing in the former Yugoslavia. Speaking in Cairo, he said: "I understand Muslim fears that much of this was aimed at eradicating Islam from Europe. Sometimes the fears and misunderstandings of long-estranged faith communities are deliberately exploited, and violence and murder replace dialogue."

Yachtsmen ahoy

Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, who single-handedly circumnavigated the world, started a search for 200 amateur sailors willing to pay up to £21,000 to take part in a round-the-world race. The *ten-month race, involving a* fleet of identical yachts, will start from London next October. The 14 planned stops include Hong Kong just before its handover to China. Applicants should ring 01858 545706.

First interview should pay off $10m legal bills

FROM IAN BRODIE IN LOS ANGELES

O. J. SIMPSON'S personal lawyer said yesterday he is hoping to profit from his acquittal by using television, the medium that carried every facet of his double murder trial and which ended with millions transfixed in America and elsewhere around the world by the final moments.

But this time there would be a difference. Viewers would have to pay to see Mr Simpson in his first full interview since the verdict.

Negotiations were under way between his agents and executives in Las Vegas who specialise in pay-per-view events such as championship boxing. One idea was for the interview to be conducted by Larry King, the ubiquitous celebrity host often criticised for asking soft questions.

Estimates varied wildly over how much Mr Simpson could earn from this endeavour, but all pointed to a yield running anywhere from $10 million (£6.45 million) to $60 million. At least, he would have enough to pay off his defence team, whose bill is expected to reach $10 million. Pay-per-view boxing often costs as much as $50 for a world heavyweight fight.

Confirmation that Mr Simpson will try to turn a profit when he does speak out came from Robert Kardashian, his personal lawyer and a

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friend, who took charge of Mr Simpson's garment bag on his return from Chicago after the murders and never let the prosecution see its contents. "O. J. has a lot to say and he wants to tell the public how he feels," Mr Kardashian said.

Otherwise, Mr Simpson seems unlikely to regain the profitable advertising endorsements he enjoyed before his arrest when he was a spokesman for Hertz and a football commentator on NBC. On Madison Avenue, the prospects were considered unlikely that any name brand would take a chance on him now, given that polls show 50 per cent of Americans consider that he is guilty.

Questions continue to be raised over whether television helps or hinders the administration of justice. The legal profession is divided, with some lawyers and judges insisting that coverage alters the nature of cases. Others are convinced that hearings are untainted by the camera's presence.

The impact of the Simpson trial's television coverage will be felt for years to come. Already there are courses devoted to the case at American law schools. Broadcasters and lawyers will long debate whether the camera's presence prolonged the trial or otherwise impinged on the administration of justice.

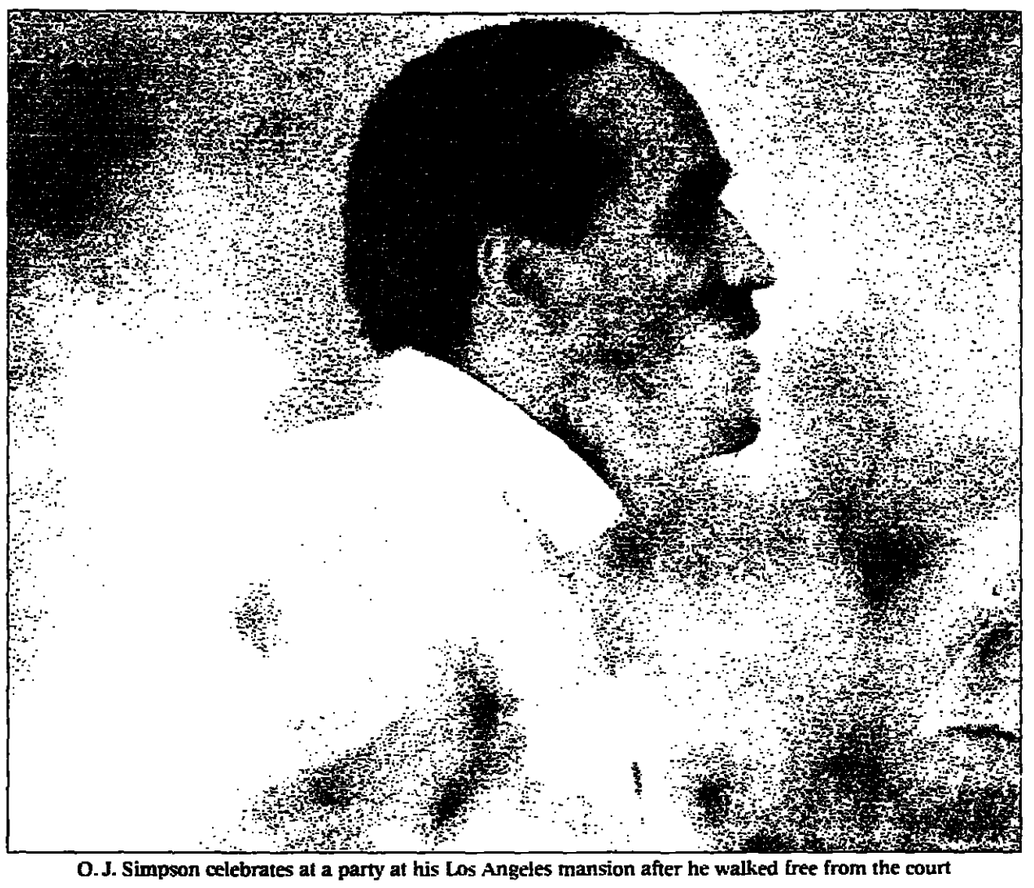
The O.J. effect goes far beyond the media and legal circles. Millions of Americans, drawn into a giant national classroom, have learnt how the law works, warts and all, from their direct experience of the evidence and from the legion of legal experts who commented on the proceedings. From now on, Americans called for jury service will know what to expect. They will be alert to the grandstanding wiles of defence and prosecution lawyers and the whims of judges. They will discern when constant interruptions and objections are simply irritants. They will recognise long-winded defences that have spared no cost and those that are ill-prepared.

Televised trials are also a lure for successful laywers, who see them as a golden form of free advertising. It is hard to imagine that Johnnie Cochran will ever go short of clients after his performance on behalf of Mr Simpson. Yet opening up the courts for all to see still meets with disapproval by the top nine justices in the land, the United States Supreme Court, who bar the cameras from their own bench as an unnecessary distraction and have been instrumental, after a limited experiment, in keeping them out of all federal courts. In state courts, television is firmly established. Cameras are banned in only three of the 50 states — Indiana, Mississippi and South Dakota. The remainder allow them in under a variety of guidelines.

In the Simpson case, Judge Lance Ito's failure to control the lawyers' behaviour in court was more at fault than the cameras, according to Fred Graham, chief anchorman for Court TV, the cable network offering 24-hour coverage of trials which saw its audience increase 500 per cent for the trial. "The camera does not affect court process; that depends on the judge." Mr Graham said. Others criticised Judge Ito for allowing arguments by both sides to run on endlessly.

Questions of media coverage obstructing American justice have been raised before. In 1925, an infamous trial was held in Tennessee to challenge the state's insistence that evolution classes in state schools must follow the biblical example and not argue that people were descended from apes. The trial was the first to be broadcast by radio, allowing two flamboyant lawyers, Clarence Darrow and Williams Jennings Bryan, to orate thunderingly across the land. Newsreel cameras and still photographers clogged the court, adding to the judicial circus.

By contrast, the Simpson case, with only a remote-controlled camera high on one wall, was a model of decorum. But the Dancing Itos, a late-night television comedy troupe of look-alikes, were a serious blow to his honour's dignity.



O. J. Simpson celebrates at a party at his Los Angeles mansion after he walked free from the court

Verdict is a matter of black and white

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN SIMI VALLEY CALIFORNIA

"IF YOU disagree with the verdict, switch on your lights," said a radio talkshow host as rush-hour traffic on the Ronald Reagan Freeway wound over the Simi Hills to this white commuter enclave north of Los Angeles. By 5.30pm, an hour before dusk, the road was ablaze with headlights.

There were no riots in Simi Valley as news of O. J. Simp-

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son's acquittal sank in. But in Los Angeles, where Rodney King's assailants were acquitted by a white jury in 1992, sparking riots, there was disillusion — in contrast to the jubilation across much of black America.

JoAnn Jolman, 38, a Simi Valley housewife, said: "It's a disgrace to us and to the United States. I was saddened for the families because someone got away with the perfect crime: the crime of the century." Sergeant Bob Gardner, of the Simi Valley police, said he thought the verdict proved that "nowhere in the world is the question of guilt or innocence so irrelevant in a criminal trial" as in Los Angeles.

The verdict has split the country along racial lines. Fran Hardin, 20, a black woman from South-Central, said: "I'm glad he got off, because of the police."

Defence 'dream team' splits over racism charges

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BY IAN BRODIE

A CLASH of egos that had simmered beneath the surface of O.J. Simpson's "dream team" burst into the open with angry charges of racism and vows never to speak to each other again.

The feud was taken public within hours of the verdict by Robert Shapiro, originally leader of the defence, who attacked Johnnie Cochran for going against an earlier decision that race should not and would not be part of the case.

Mr Shapiro told Barbara Walters of *ABC News*: "Not only did we play the race card, we played it from the bottom of the deck."

He said that the change of strategy was embraced after Mr Cochran took over leadership of the defence with Mr Simpson's approval. Mr Shapiro said he was "deeply offended" by Mr Cochran's closing address to the jury in which he compared the racist attitudes of Detective Mark Fuhrman to Hitler and the Holocaust.

Mr Shapiro, who is Jewish, said: "The Holocaust stands alone as the most horrible human event in modern civilisation. With it came Hitler and to compare him in any way to a rogue cop in my opinion was wrong."

He said that he would never work with Mr Cochran again.



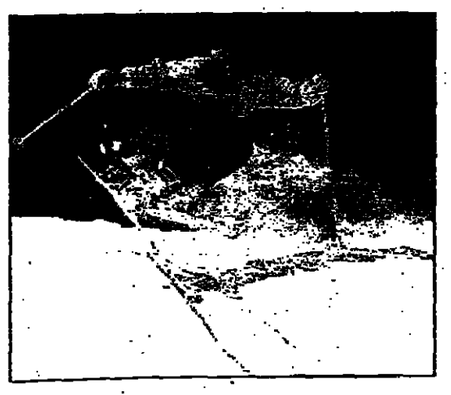
Cochran: "We played the credibility card"

and did not attend a celebratory dinner for the defence.

Mr Cochran expressed sadness that Mr Shapiro had chosen the immediate aftermath of the trial to express his bitterness. He said Mr Shapiro was possessed by demons that needed exorcising.

He said he could not agree that they played the race card from the bottom of the pack. "We didn't play the race card, we played the credibility card." As for the Holocaust comparison, Mr Cochran said it was not intended to trivialise the deaths of millions of Jews. He was less conciliatory, however, over comparing Mr Fuhrman to Hitler, saying it was a sensitive issue for blacks to hear a police officer saying he wanted to kill them.

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Acquittal highlights jury taste for protest

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

TO MANY outraged white Americans, O. J. Simpson's acquittal was ultimate proof that black jurors today will quite literally let a black man get away with murder.

Professional jury watchers say predominantly black juries are increasingly using their power to protest against broad racial injustice regardless of evidence before them — a contention bolstered by several high-profile cases.

In 1990, a jury of ten blacks and two whites acquitted Marion Barry, black Mayor of Washington, of all but one of 14 charges arising from an FBI "sting" operation that filmed him smoking crack cocaine in a hotel room. A US

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district judge later accused the jury of "anarchy".

In 1992, predominantly black jurors acquitted black men filmed beating a white man, Reginald Denny, during the Los Angeles riots.

The Wall Street Journal yesterday recalled a 1990 case in which an all-black jury in Washington acquitted Darryl Smith of murder. One juror disclosed that most of his colleagues believed Mr Smith was guilty but had bowed to holdouts who "didn't want to send any more young black men to jail".

On average, 17 per cent of American criminal court cases end in acquittals, but in cities where most residents are black the figure shoots up. Washington's acquittal rate is nearly 29 per cent, Detroit's 30 per cent, and in New York's Bronx it is 47.6 per cent.

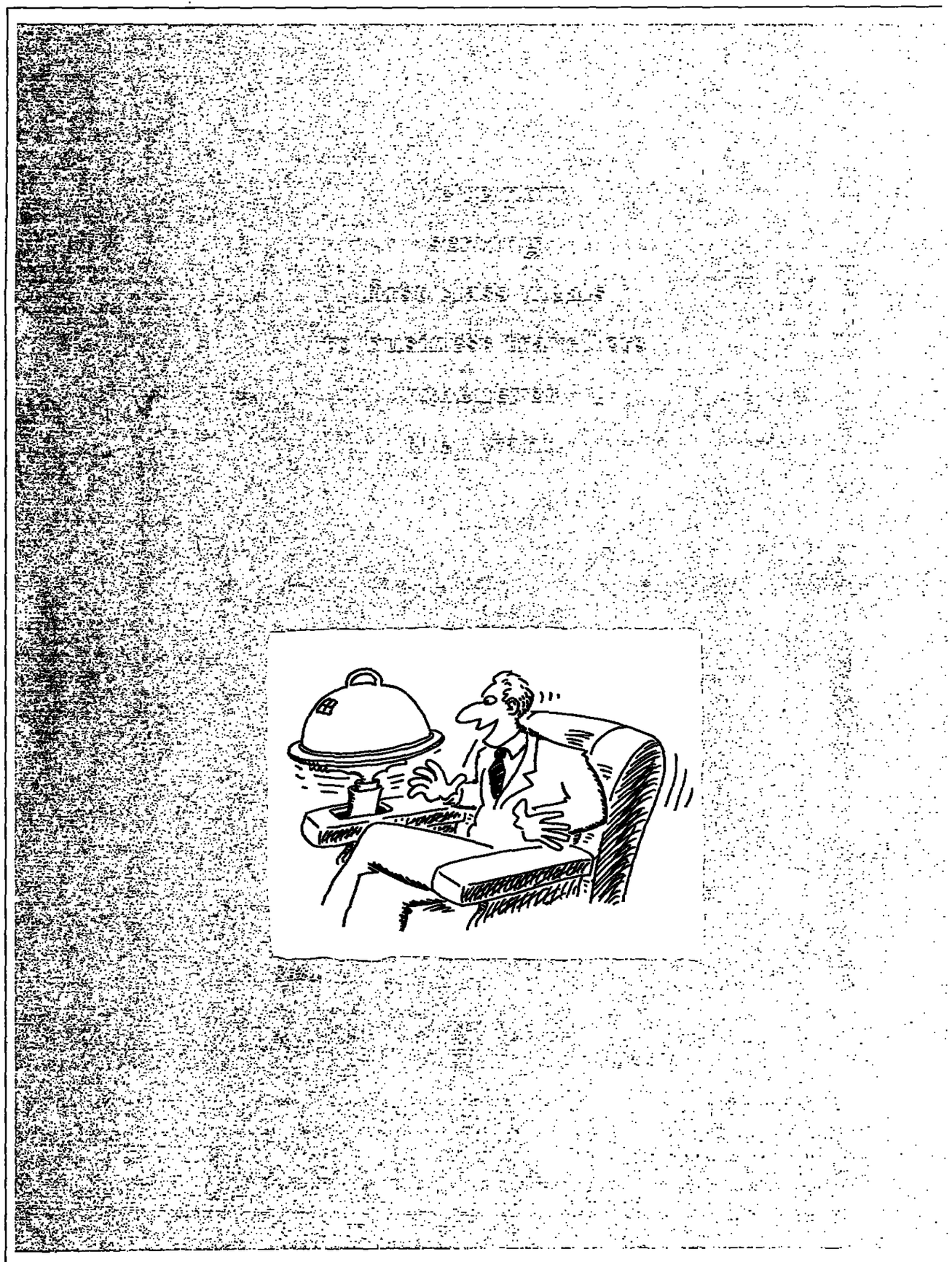
The Simpson verdict on Tuesday brought cries of protest from white Americans and demands for reform of the criminal justice system yesterday. One snap poll showed 60 per cent of whites still believed O. J. to be guilty.

By contrast, 90 per cent of blacks believed the verdict was correct. Polls show two-thirds of blacks believe the white-run system is racist. Black defence lawyers, such as Mr Simpson's Johnnie Cochran, stand a big chance of success when inviting black juries to send a message of protest to the world.

Some legal scholars argue such activist juries are a legitimate American tradition. The *Journal* recalled how jurors in colonial times acquitted defendants of political crimes against the British Crown, and how Northern jurors acquitted people harbouring runaway slaves.

Nor is such activism limited to blacks. An all-white jury acquitted four white LA police officers of the videotaped beating of a black motorist, Rodney King, in 1992.

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Court is told the media waged a campaign of hate against soap star's boyfriend after his arrest

Judge condemns 'scandalous' trial by tabloids

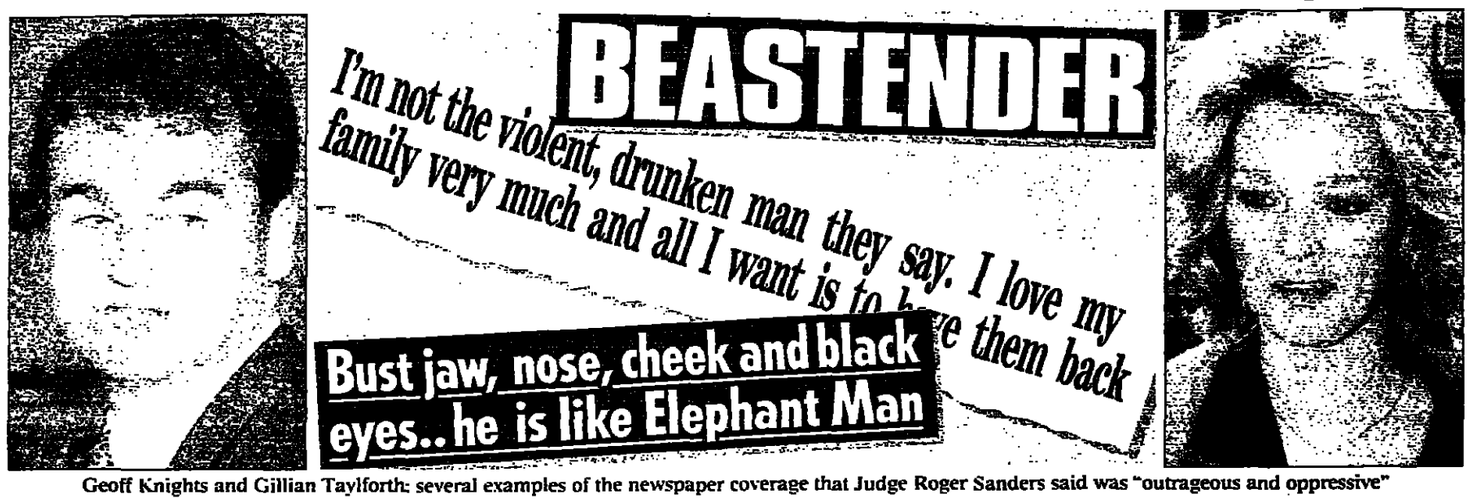
BY ANDREW PIERCE

JUDGE Roger Sanders listed several "scandalous" examples where the press had broken rules governing court reporting as he halted the Geoff Knights case. Mr Knights, boyfriend of the *EastEnders* actress Gillian Taylforth, was charged with wounding and assault on Martin Davies, her chauffeur.

Judge Sanders said: "It is alleged that the defendant appeared, and, perhaps misunderstanding the situation, set about Mr Davies in a vicious and sustained attack which caused him serious injuries." Mr Knights was arrested. Miss Taylforth also claimed she was injured by him. The press was quickly on the scene.

"From then on what one would have expected to be treated as sub judice became an opportunity for certain newspaper editors to take it upon themselves to try Mr Knights in their columns without giving him a hearing," the judge said.

The media should have been extra cautious after Mr Knights was charged but only 24 hours later the *Daily Mirror* ran a front-page story with an alleged account by Mr Davies of what had happened. Mr Knights was shown in handcuffs near the headline "I'm terrified of that man". *The Sun* carried the alleged attack with a headline: "Two black eyes, bust nose and jaw like the elephant man". Another declared: "*EastEnd Gillian's driver* is scarred for life say cops."



Geoff Knights and Gillian Taylforth: several examples of the newspaper coverage that Judge Roger Sanders said was "outrageous and oppressive"

The *Daily Star* said that Mr Knights had gone "berserk with an iron bar" after catching his lover "fleeing into the night with a new man". But, said the judge, there appeared to be no evidence of any weapon having been used although it was fair to point out that Mr Davies's injuries were extensive.

The judge said the Daily Star's coverage appeared to be complete invention. The next day, he said, the same paper carried a large article with the comment: "He may lose an eye".

In a double-page spread in the *Daily Mail*, Lynda Lee-Potter "graphically described" the alleged events and mentioned Mr Knights's previous convictions. The *comminal proceedings were only* weeks away and Miss Taylforth was a main prosecution witness.

"To many it may seem that Ms Lee-Potter has written the next episode of *EastEnders* to the potential jury, many of whom will have read this article," the judge said.

Three days later, on May 16, there was a "disturbing development". Miss Taylforth made a *statement to the police saying she* did not wish to pursue her allegation of assault against Mr Knights, did not wish to attend court, and did not want to give evidence about the alleged attack on the driver.

She wrote in the statement: "I feel *that I am physically and mentally unable to endure the trauma of* attending court in respect of this matter, and feel it would be *prejudicial to my health to do so. I* also feel that I am unable to give evidence against Geoff Knights due to the fact that he is the father of my young daughter."

That, said the judge, put the Crown Prosecution Service in difficulties. But the fact remained that *Miss Taylforth was not released as* a witness and was fully bound at the committal proceedings. It also had to be borne in mind that much of the "so-called" evidence produced by press witnesses in court was discredited as being unreliable.

The judge said: "What does emerge strongly from the documents I have studied is that certain reporters were determined to run a hate campaign against Knights, unchecked by their editors and without any regard to the interest of justice."

The People reported that Mr Knights had been placed in custody because he had breached his bail by contacting Miss Taylforth. The *Daily Mirror*, the *Daily Express* and *The Sun* reported his release three days later.

Each paper, he said, referred to allegations against Mr Knights even though they knew the trial date was fixed.

"There could now be no more obvious example of deliberate acts being done which were calculated to prejudice a fair trial," said the judge.

"I have absolutely no doubt that the mass of media publicity in this case was unfair, outrageous and oppressive," he added.

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Tempestuous partners are no strangers to melodrama

BY ANDREW PIERCE

THE tempestuous relationship of Geoff Knights and Gillian Taylforth has been as colourful as the script for the soap character she plays in *EastEnders*.

Mr Knights, a one-time millionaire property dealer, car salesman, and now business consultant, has rarely been out of the media spotlight since their seven-year relationship began.

As he left Harrow Crown Court yesterday Mr Knights, 40, even drew a link with O. J. Simpson, the star of an albeit bigger media circus. "I could feel for O. J. last night at 6 o'clock. He had eight to 10 hours of suffering. I could feel for him," Mr Knights said. "The relief — you can't explain it," he said.

Like O. J. Simpson, Mr Knights was looking forward to going home to celebrate. Asked about a reunion with Miss Taylforth, he said: "We are very happy." Miss Taylforth, who was to have been a key prosecution witness in the trial, was "over the moon", he added.

Since she became famous, the life and times of Gillian Taylforth, 40, who plays the downtrodden owner of the Albert Square "caff" have become better known than Kathy Beale's. Miss Taylforth is the original East End girl made good. She was an unknown actress before the series was launched. She celebrated her 40th birthday in August as Mr Knights languished in jail for defying a judge's order not to see her. He is no stranger to the courts — he has convictions for causing actual bodily harm and criminal damage and has been sentenced to three months in prison.

> "She turned up for work in a pair of dark glasses which came to feature in her wardrobe more than once"

The couple met in a wine bar in 1988 and one year later had their first bruising, but often lucrative, encounter with the tabloids when Miss Taylforth ordered Mr Knights to leave their home in Whetstone, north London, after a row.

In September 1989 the actress crashed her car driving away from Mr Knights's home. They denied they had been arguing. In April 1990 they split up after a tabloid newspaper reported that a topless model claimed she had been seeing Mr Knights behind Miss Taylforth's back. Days later they were reunited. The reunion made the papers.

When Miss Taylforth discovered in 1992 that she was pregnant, with their child Jessica, the couple had already agreed to split up.

In April 1993 Gillian Taylforth turned up for work in a pair of dark glasses, which were to feature in her wardrobe more than once, to conceal a black eye. She blamed it on Jessica.

On the same day the tabloids were *running* allegations that Miss Taylforth had an affair with an *EastEnders* scriptwriter and had been attacked by Mr Knights when he found out.

The most damaging personal episode for the couple came in October 1994 when they lost a libel action against *The Sun*. Miss Taylforth had been accused by the newspaper of performing a sex act with Mr Knights in their car on a slip road off the A1. She *lost the case and the legal bill* was estimated at £500,000. A book about Gillian Taylforth's life quickly followed in an attempt to pay off the costs.

In January the couple were engaged in another war of words when she was arrested for drink-driving after being involved in a car crash. Jessica, aged three, was in the back seat. Two months later Mr Knights was fined £2,000 after launching a karate-style kick against a policeman and throwing him down a flight of stairs. The *Daily Star* branded him *Beast Ender* on its front page. The bizarre incident occurred after Mr Knights had telephoned the police and said: "A woman has been beaten up by a bloke. According to her, she has broken her nose." When the police arrived Miss Taylforth was nursing a bleeding nose.

In April there was the accusation of intent to cause grievous bodily harm involving Mr Knights and Martin Davies. Last night the couple were thought to be celebrating after his trial was called off — their on-off relationship back on again.

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Nouveau riche add to rising stock of British millionaires

BY ANDREW PIERCE

BRITAIN has a record 49,000 millionaires, with the gap narrowing between self-made and inherited fortunes, according to figures published yesterday.

In 1988, according to Inland Revenue statistics, there were only 18,000 millionaires. The soaring value of the Stock Exchange, after its crash in 1987, is an important factor behind the rise.

The National Lottery has created 120 millionaires alone in the last year. The "fat cat" directors of the privatised industries have also made an impact. Cedric Brown, the chief executive of British Gas, is expected to feature on the list soon.

Figures released by Datamonitor, the financial analysts, show that 21 per cent of the millionaires are self-made, up 2 per cent on 12 months ago. Almost one third, 29 per cent, inherited their wealth.

But the figures are often paper fortunes based not on the value of the bank assets but on land, property and stock market holdings.

The size of legacies has increased sharply. In 1977 there were 44 estates worth more than £1 million. In 1987, according to the Inland Revenue, 362 people left estates worth more than £1 million. In 1990 the figure was 535, a rise of almost 50 per cent. Some 44 per cent of the estates are accounted for in property.



Platt: confirmed as millionaire by transfer

More than 1.8 million people now have more than £50,000 in savings and investments, not including land or property, which can be turned into liquid assets. Datamonitor said that inheritance tax was beginning to hit the value of estates passed through the generations.

The Treasury confirmed that the number of high earners has increased rapidly. There are now more than 20,000 people earning more than £200,000 a year compared with 4,000 in 1983.

New millionaires include Liz Hurley, the actress and model, whose £1 million annual contract with Estée Lauder has put her in the super-rich bracket. Susan Hill, the author, is also a newcomer. David Platt, the England footballer transferred to Arsenal from Sampdoria for £4.75 million in July, is also a millionaire.

In the business world David Lloyd, the captain of the Davis Cup squad, became a multi-millionaire when he sold his chain of sports clubs to Whitbread. Barry Houghton, who founded the St Helens-based Rainford Group with £1,500, floated the company for £68 million. Jung Chang, the author of *Wild Swans*, a best seller, earned £4.7 million in 1994.

A spokeswoman for Datamonitor said: "Among millionaires and people with over £50,000, the fastest growing sector is those who work for a living.

"Over the next ten years those people, 'high net worth individuals' will increase dramatically."

Divorce settlements are creating a further breed of millionaires and foreign nationals moving to Britain have also swelled the number.

Philip Beresford, editor of the *Sunday Times Richest 500* guide, agreed with the figures. "Since the Inland Revenue conducted their survey in 1988 the stock market has gone through the roof.

"The top 500 are worth more than £40 million each, the top 1,000 are worth more than £20 million each, and the top 5,000 are worth more than £5 million each," he said.

The Datamonitor spokeswoman added: "Traditionally the wealthiest people in the UK are those who have inherited their wealth with estates passed down from generation. Inheritance tax has eroded this wealth and there are now more opportunities for entrepreneurs and ambitious individuals to create wealth through their own efforts."

Time running out for lottery winners

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

HOLDERS of two National Lottery tickets bought in April have until 11pm today to claim prizes of £67,148 each, Camelot, the game's organiser, yesterday urged players to check their homes and belongings for the winning tickets from the lottery draw of April 8.

Since the lottery was launched last November £20 million has not been claimed. There is a 180-day limit for claims and the two missing tickets, bought on April 7 and 8, will become worthless after today.

The tickets matched five numbers and the bonus number. The winning numbers that week were 14, 17, 22, 24, 42 and 47, and the bonus number 34. One of the tickets was bought from a food store in Leyton, east London; the other at a newsagent in nearby Ilford.

The biggest prize still to be claimed is £94,239 from the August 19 draw. Money not claimed goes to good causes.

☐ The Sports Council yesterday awarded £104 million to 66 projects in its seventh round of lottery cash grants.



PETER TREVINOR

Georgina Christoforou yesterday: given an apology, compensation and a promise, in her fight to be a linesman

Woman wins 'milestone victory' to wave the flag for football equality

BY JOHN YOUNG

A WOMAN football enthusiast celebrated a "milestone victory" yesterday after claiming that she had been refused employment as a linesman. Soccer officials gave her an apology, compensation and a promise to adopt a non-discriminatory selection policy approved by the Equal Opportunities Commission.

Georgina Christoforou, 26, a police communications officer and qualified referee, had sued the South East Counties League, which consists largely of the youth teams of large London clubs such as Arsenal, Tottenham Hotspur and Queens Park Rangers. After more than two hours of discussions, a settlement was reached without a formal hearing at the industrial tribunal in Croydon. Announcing the settlement, Jane Dighton, Ms Christoforou's solicitor, said her client had applied to be included in the league's register of linesmen for the 1993-94 and 1994-95 seasons. She had been rejected on each occasion. All the linesmen were men. Ms Christoforou complained she was not accepted because she was a woman.

Under the settlement, the respondents had agreed to implement non-discriminatory selection procedures within six months. The previous procedure had caused people to believe that it discriminated against women, Ms Dighton said. That had never been its intention. The league regretted injury to her feelings and had agreed to pay compensation on condition that the total was not disclosed to the media.

Outside the tribunal, Ms Dighton said it was the first time that any football league had been required to operate a rule against discrimination. It was "a milestone for women in football". League officials would now meet the commission for advice.

Ms Christoforou has been a "passionate" football player since primary school, and referees in the Suburban Football League when not working as a civilian at Streatham police station. She said: "I am delighted by the outcome."

Kenneth Goldman, for the league, said it had been a realistic outcome; to bring cases to a tribunal was an expensive business. There had never been any discrimination in the league, he said.

There would be no objection to Ms Christoforou applying to be placed on the register, but he understood that she no longer wished to proceed with the South East Counties League. That was described by Ms Dighton as "news to me".

The Football Association, the sport's governing body, said yesterday that there were no national statistics for the number of women referees or linesmen. But one woman, Wendy Toms, was on the Football League's list.

"An increasing number of women are getting involved in the game at the lower levels," a spokesman said. "We would encourage clubs to make places available."

School is closed by stinging spiders

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

PUPILS at a school on the Isle of Wight were enjoying an unexpected holiday yesterday after an invasion by poisonous spiders.

The Bembridge Church of England Primary School, which has 117 boys and girls aged between five and nine, will remain closed until Monday while pest control experts get rid of the creatures.

Henry Kirby, the headmaster, said: "As might be expected, the children are thrilled. We are assured the spiders are not especially poisonous but, as we could not be sure how young children might react to a bite, it was decided to close while the infestation was dealt with."

Teachers at other schools on the island were sent an information pack by the county council yesterday and urged to keep an eye out for other colonies, which belong to the species *Steatoda nobilis*, a native of the Canary Islands.

The Bembridge school first became aware of the spiders at the beginning of the summer holidays when Helen Blake, a classroom assistant, was bitten on the shoulder. "It was like a wasp sting," she said. "When I looked at my shoulder I had a mark like a nettle sting. By the time I went home that evening the bruise was about the size of a saucer."

Little attention was paid to the incident until last week when the headmaster came upon a dozen more of the creatures, which are black and about a third of an inch long, lurking behind filing cabinets.

A specimen was sent to the medical entymology centre at Cambridge University for identification. Ian Burgess, the centre's deputy director, said: "The milder winters we have had in the last ten years may have allowed a few colonies to become established."

CORRECTION

Mr Andrew Rankin, QC, did not defend Timothy Clayton, barrister's clerk, jailed for theft at the Old Bailey (report, September 29) but gave evidence on his behalf as to character. Defending counsel was Mr Orlando Pownall.

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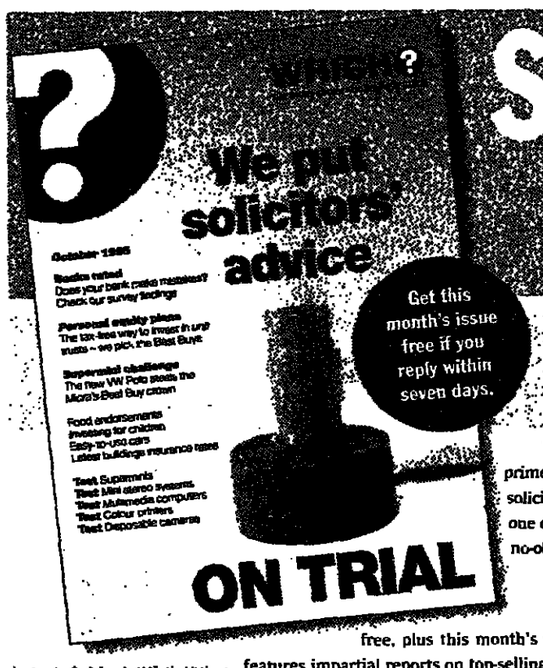
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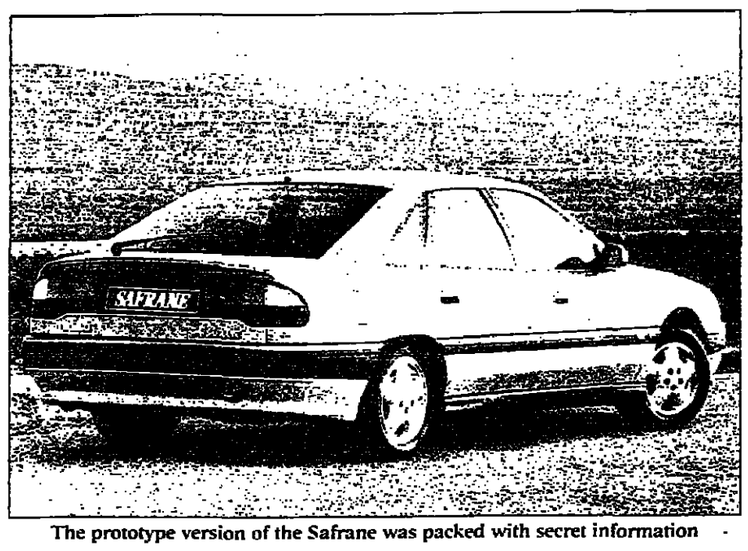
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Car gang prefers trailer to priceless prototype

BY KEVIN EASON
MOTORING EDITOR



The prototype version of the Safrane was packed with secret information

THIEVES who stole a secret prototype car and the trailer on which it was being transported dumped the vehicle — priceless to rival manufacturers — and made off with the trailer, worth only a few hundred pounds.

A spokeswoman for Renault, the car's maker, said last night: "They clearly had no idea what they had. Fortunately for us, we now have the car back."

The blue Safrane, with French registration plates and packed with innovative features, was being taken from Renault's headquarters in France to Peterborough for testing at Perkins, the diesel engine specialists, when it was stolen from the Pavilion services on the M2 at Farthing Corner, Kent.

A Safrane executive car costs between £16,000 and £26,000 in the showroom, but the prototype is understood to have been re-engineered to be among the world's quietest and cleanest cars. Renault has been testing devices to cut vibration from its executive cars to make them as quiet as a Rolls-Royce.

The diesel engine is believed to have been engineered to create fewer emissions than current power packs and offer up to 100 miles to the gallon. Perkins, which has nearly 500 engineers trained to test vehicles for noise and vibration as well as exhaust emissions, was due to run checks on the prototype.

A spokesman for the company said: "We're just glad to have it back."

Either the thieves, who unhitched the trailer from its towing vehicle and made off with it and the car in the middle of the night, were baffled by the secret technology, which Renault declined to talk about last night, or the trailer was of more interest to those with an eye on easy money. Having dumped the Safrane and its secret cargo of information that carmakers the world over would have been delighted to learn about, they are presumably content to be the possessors of a four-wheeled trailer containing all the technology of a handcart.

Solicitors challenge report on standards

Consumer group accuses lawyers of shoddy service

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

SOLICITORS are too often handing out shoddy, inappropriate advice and charging wildly varying fees for the same work, according to a survey of 80 law firms across the country by *Which?*, the Consumers' Association magazine.

The damning report, in which a team of investigators posed as clients, paints a bleak picture of the quality of advice handed out to members of the public who choose a solicitor at random.

The survey prompted a furious response from the Law Society which attacked the magazine's research methods and accused it of a "publicity stunt." Martin Mears, president said: "This could be the saddest example of sound-bite survey yet."

The survey team was in no position to criticise anyone, he added, as the model advice against which they tested solicitors was "wrong in one key area. After close examination of their research methods, one can be forgiven for believing that this article is simply a publicity opportunity for *Which?* magazine, rather than a serious attempt to look at service given by solicitors to their clients.

"Of all the professions, solicitors offer the most comprehensive package of protection for clients who had suffered as a result of poor advice, and we are continually striving to improve even further the standard of service given to our clients."

Four consumer-related problems were put to solicitors in the survey. The investigators said that, in most cases, solicitors failed to come up with what the association says is the best advice. Often it would have cost clients needless money. In some cases, the legal advice was actually wrong, the association maintains.

In a problem about rising damp, only three out of 20 firms were reported to have given correct advice; in the case of a faulty, newly built driveway, only one did so.

Clients were usually left in the dark on charges, and the final bill varied enormously, with the most expensive quotation being 17 times higher than the cheapest.

Only one firm out of 40 was said to have advised correctly on a driveway problem, and almost half reportedly failed to advise that there were alternatives to legal action. Only one in four was said to have mentioned legal aid, and only two asked if the client had legal expenses insurance.

Helen Parker, editor of *Which?*, said: "Solicitors owe a duty to their clients to give the best advice. Too often, advice is shoddy and consumers can lose out, wasting time and money and even going court unnecessarily."

The survey, which took a team of researchers several months, breaks new ground in being the first which seeks to evaluate the quality of legal advice. On charges, the team of investigators found only a handful gave any idea of likely cost. One firm charged £88 just for an initial interview and letter, although the average for this was £65. With some problems, such as the rising damp and faulty driveway, half gave free legal advice on the telephone. In some cases, letters confirming the advice followed, and charges for those varied from £9 to £59.

For buying a £75,000 freehold house with no chain, the quotes ranged from £117 to £750 in England and £1,350 in Scotland, which include any commission the solicitors earn from life insurance. *Which?* comments that "it pays to shop around" although reputation and expertise are also factors.

Keith Richards, senior lawyer at the Consumers' Association, said: "Although some solicitors stood out for being prepared to give free advice on the telephone, we were horrified at some of the advice being handed out and the way some solicitors were not prepared to admit they did not know about a problem." He added that most people would go to only one solicitor.

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Mears: said the survey gave wrong information

How clients were told to take the 'wrong' action

The "clients" took four problems to solicitors (Frances Gibb writes). They were: a defective driveway; a misleading house survey that did not disclose rising damp; a new sofa that turned out to be defective; and a newly bought second-hand car being reclaimed by a hire purchase company.

THE DRIVEWAY

Eighteen months after construction, the brick driveway collected water each time it rained, and weeds were growing through. The client had a guarantee but could not trace the company. The drive cost £3,000 and he had paid a deposit of £75 by credit card. The solicitors should have advised a claim against the credit card company under the Consumer Credit Act 1974. Only one of 20, Richard Buxton of Cambridge, gave the right advice. Several said they did not know the credit card company was liable. One said that, as only £75 was paid, there could be no claim.

THE SURVEY

The client said she had a survey from two years before, when she bought her house. The surveyor, employed by a building society, did not mention serious damp problems. A more recent survey found damp and wet rot, she told the solicitors, which the second company claimed should have been picked up by the first. Repairs were estimated at £3,000. Only three firms correctly advised that the client could claim the difference between the original valuation and the value of the house with damp. *Which?* said that the solicitors should have mentioned that, to avoid expensive legal action, cheaper alternatives were available, such as arbitration schemes (two solicitors mentioned this) or the building society ombudsman (one solicitor mentioned). Much money might have been spent on legal action and going to court when there were other options, *Which?* said. The Law Society said yesterday that such advice would have been wrong. As the house was bought before June 1994, the building society ombudsman could not deal with the case, it said.

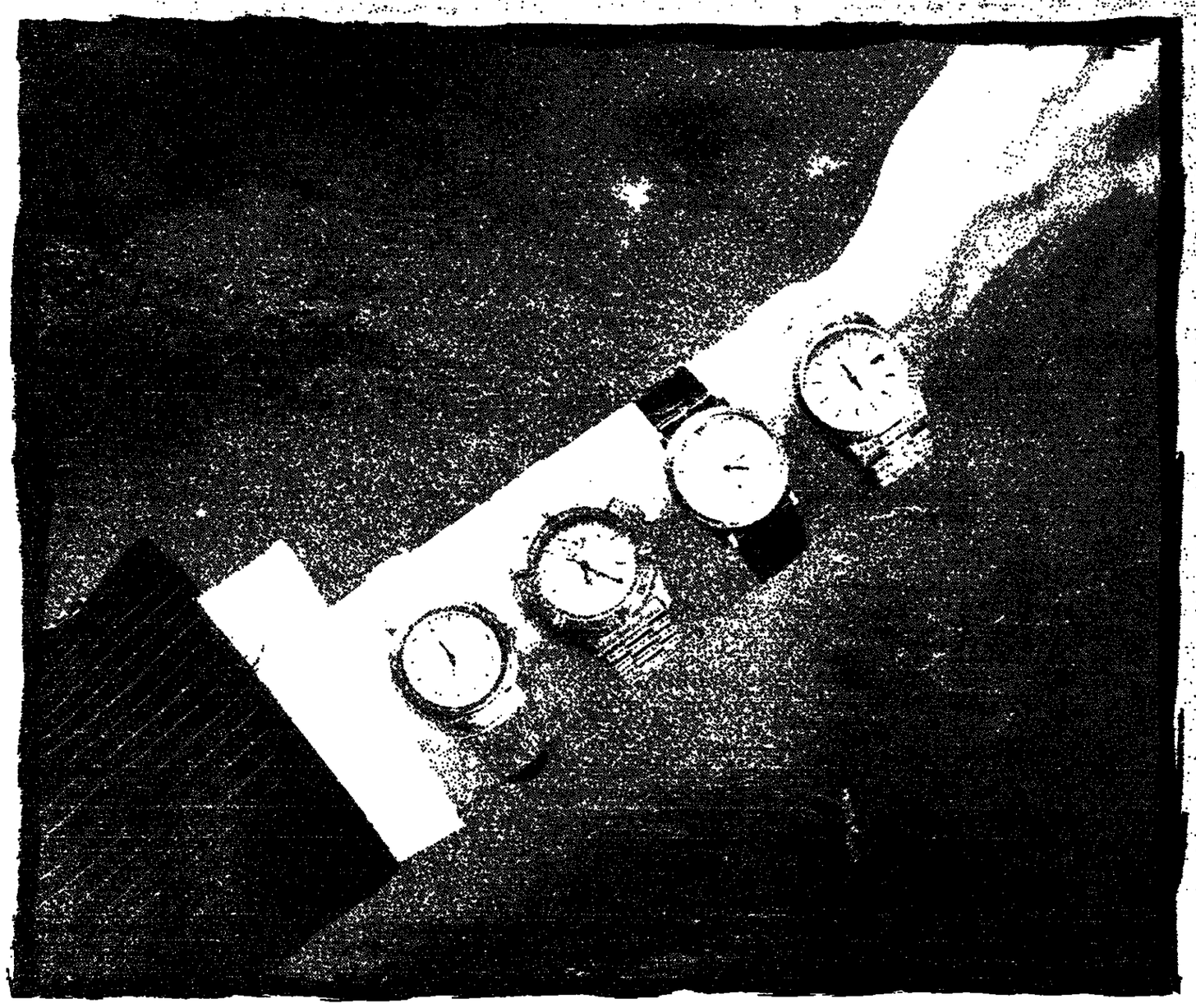
THE SOFA

The client with the faulty sofa said it had been bought recently for £950. It had broken and been repaired once, but broke again. The shop refused to do anything. Only four out of 20 solicitors gave the best advice. Three suggested writing a letter to the shop and then claiming in the small-claims court if necessary. Several firms said the goods could be rejected, although *Which?* said that was "highly unlikely". Two advised using a lawyer to take action. The wrong advice would have led to expensive legal action trying to claim a refund.

THE CAR

The client with the second-hard car said she had discovered that the vendor had bought it on hire purchase and had not finished paying. The hire-purchase company was now demanding the car back, she told the solicitors, adding that she had known nothing about the hire-purchase agreement. Six of 20 solicitors wrongly said that the car did not belong to the client. A further two said that it probably did not belong to her. Only seven were correct in saying that the car was legally hers. The other five would not give advice over the telephone. Had she followed the wrong advice, she would have returned the car to the hire-purchase company and then — assuming she discovered her rights — would have faced a legal battle to have it returned.

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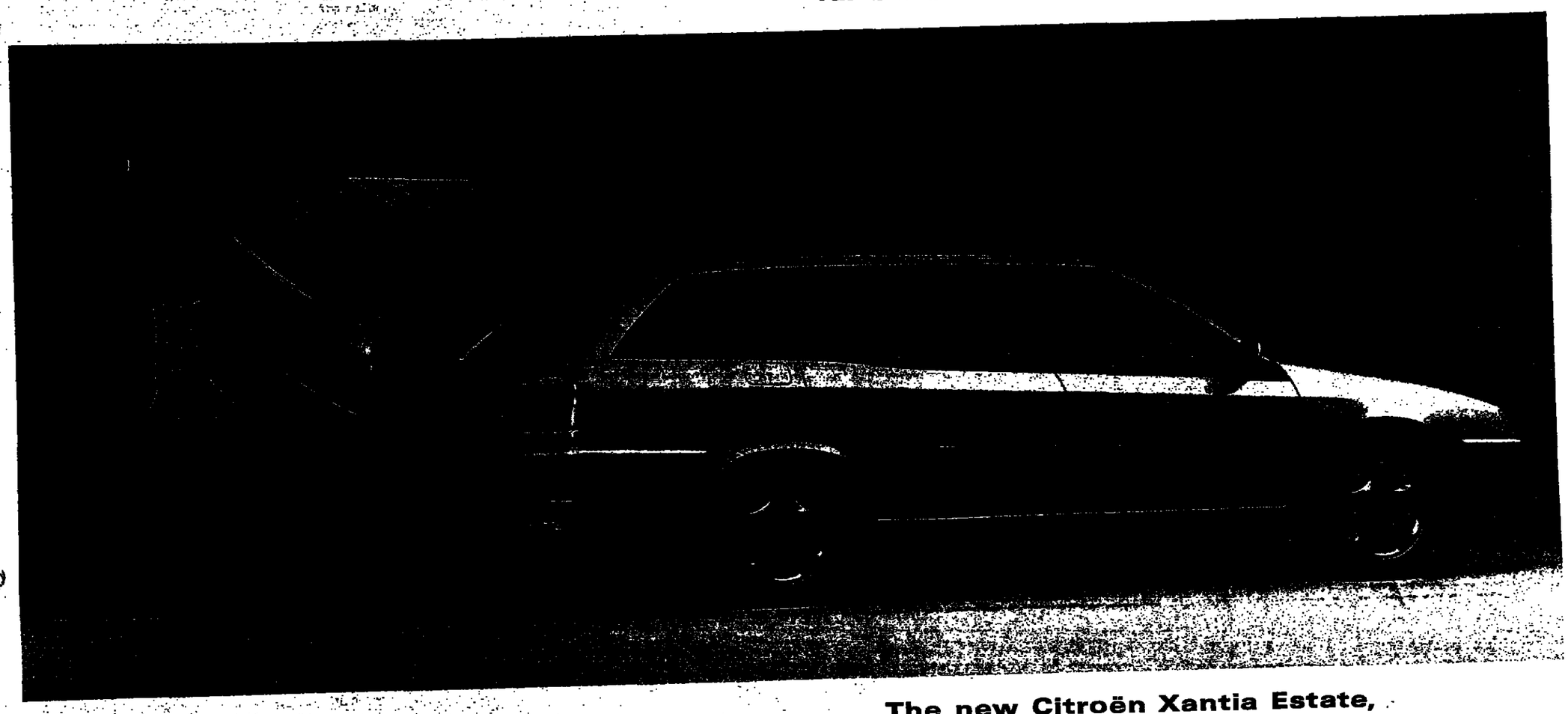
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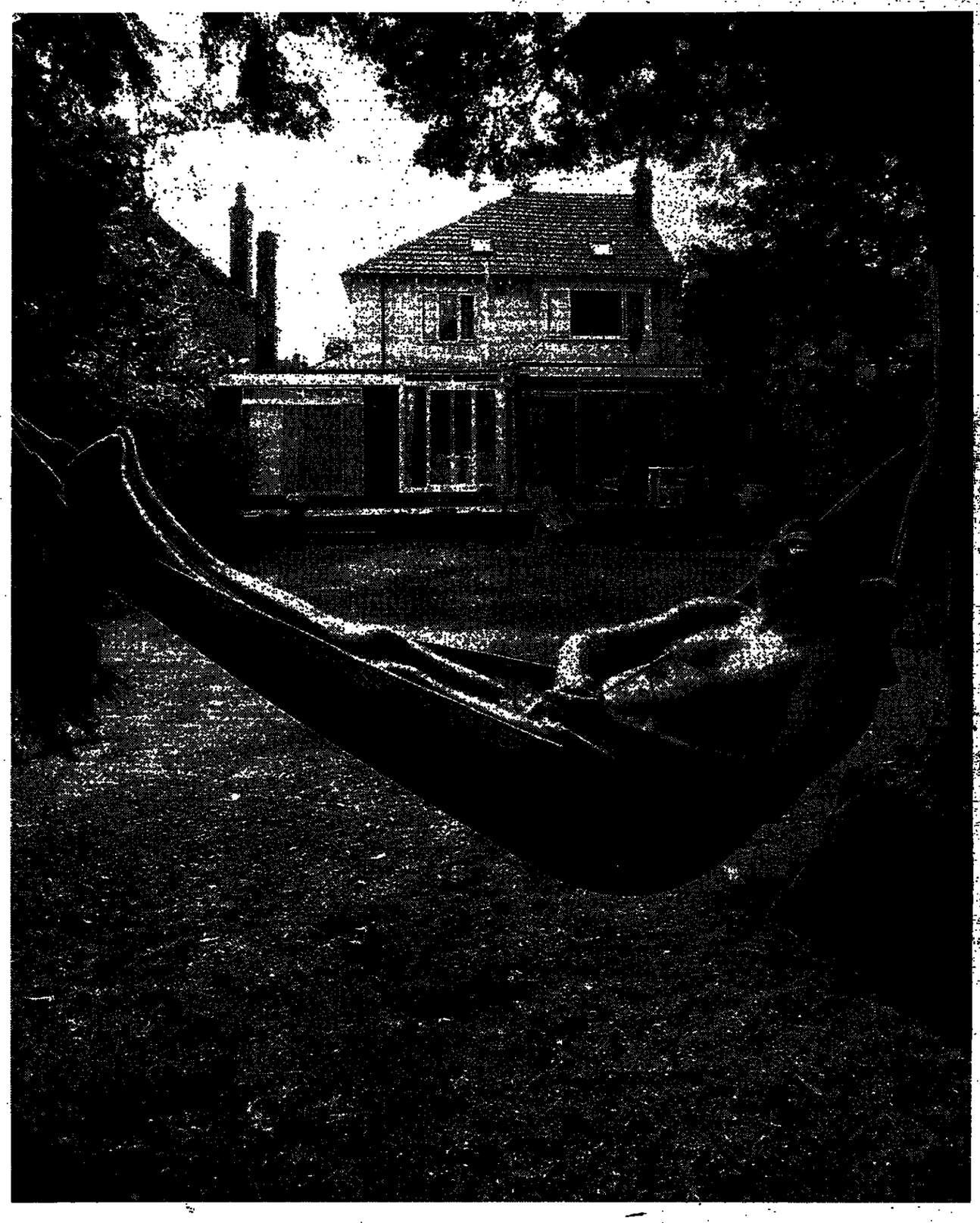
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MPs call for ministers to end 'disgusting trade' in mass-produced pedigree pups

Farms condemned for breeding sick, maladjusted dogs

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

PUPPY farms have become a serious threat to the mental and physical health of Britain's dog population, according to the National Canine Defence League, whose findings have prompted MPs to call for tighter controls on mass breeding.

The league reports that mass production of pedigree dogs by non-specialist breeders has increased the number of sick and maladjusted pets being treated by vets.

Roger Gale, Conservative chairman of the all-party Parliamentary group on animal welfare, called on the Government yesterday to end "this disgusting trade". The MP for Thanet North said local authorities must be given the power to enter premises where breeders or dealers are suspected of breaking their licence conditions. All legislation on dogs should come under one government department and be incorporated in one comprehensive Act of Parliament.

"The time has come for us to tackle this problem, to remove once and for all the legislative nonsenses relating to dogs and to give the relevant authorities and professional bodies the powers they need to do the job properly," he said.

The number of puppy farms in Britain is not known, but in West Wales, acknowledged to be a centre of the multi-million-pound industry, there are an estimated 1,000 at least.

The league's report says: "Bitches used as breeding machines are often kept in converted barns or pigsties and bred twice a year for up to eight years or until exhaustion. When they can no longer breed, they are sometimes brutally killed or thrown off farms to be saved by local rescue organisations."

Some of the farms house up to 150 bitches, each of which is capable of producing 12 to 15 young a year. With puppies fetching £100 to £150 each, annual sales income of £180,000 per farm is not uncommon. The animals are supplied to pet shops and kennels through dealers.

The league wants the Breeding of Dogs Act to be strengthened. At present, it says, any farm with two or more breeding bitches can apply for a licence from a local authority.

Bradley Viner, a vet treating small animals who sits on a committee studying the problems caused by puppy farms, said: "The simplest solution is for purchasers to buy only from specialist breeders recommended by the relevant breed society and the Kennel Club and to insist on seeing the puppy with its mother. The behaviour and state of health of the mother will usually be a reasonable guide to the condition of her puppies."

Pat Lamacraft, who lives at Shoeburyness, Essex, is a dog lover who learnt the hard way. Three years ago she bought a 12-week-old West Highland Terrier for £175 from kennels in Essex after seeing an advertisement in her local paper.

"I cannot believe now how naive I was," she said. "The kennels said they could not show me the mother because the puppy had been flown in from a breeder in southern Ireland the previous day. When I said the puppy did not look very lively, they said that was because it had been sedated during the flight."

For the next year, Mrs Lamacraft said, she and her husband "practically lived at the vet's" as the puppy developed one ailment after another and exhibited increasingly agitated behaviour. The dog was eventually put down after being diagnosed as suffering from a severe liver condition.



Puppy farm animals photographed during undercover filming by the National Canine Defence League

Monks in the dock for water extraction

By Lin Jenkins

THE monks at Buckfast Abbey, who are renowned for the potency of their fortified wine, were fined £1,000 yesterday for taking too much water from the River Dart.

A defect in the hydraulic sluice gates used by the abbey, near Buckfastleigh, Devon, went undetected until a 600-yard stretch of the river ran dry. The abbey, which has an annual turnover of more than £10 million from its wine, honey and crafts, has a licence to extract water to produce its own electricity. It raises extra income by selling excess electricity to the National Grid.

Its Buckfast Wine is produced by adding spices and honey to imported French wine. The drink has been accused of contributing to teenage alcoholism in Strathclyde, which accounts for 80 per cent of British sales.

The abbey, which was prosecuted in Teignmouth Magistrates' Court by the National Rivers Authority, admitted breaching its water abstraction licence.

Briton in murder trial 'said killing was self-defence'

By A Staff Reporter

A BRITON accused of murdering a South African tourist and dumping his dismembered corpse in Singapore harbour told police that he had killed in self-defence, a court heard yesterday. John Scripps claimed that an unidentified friend later disposed of the body.

Scripps, 35, from Hertford, is said to have told police in Singapore that he attacked Gerard Lowe, a South African tourist, with a hammer after Mr Lowe made homosexual advances in their shared hotel room. He then fled to a friend's hotel and paid the friend to dispose of the body.

Assistant Superintendent Gerald Lim, who led the inquiry into Mr Lowe's death, said in Singapore Supreme Court that Scripps had told police: "I was awoken when I felt a hand touching me on my buttocks. When I looked up, I saw Mr Lowe standing over me smiling at me. I freaked out." The pair struggled before Mr Lowe, 32, allegedly came at Scripps with a camping hammer. Mr Lowe dropped the hammer, and Scripps "hit him several times on the head until he collapsed".

Scripps told the police: "Some time later on the same day, my friend returned and told me that there was nothing to worry about as he had already got rid of Lowe's body ... by throwing it into a river." Police asked Scripps to identify the friend and he replied: "I cannot tell you because if he knew he would harm my family back in Britain."

Jamil Shane, a hotel security officer, earlier told the court that he saw Scripps walk out of the hotel using both hands to carry a large black suitcase. He returned 15 minutes later without the case.

Scripps told the police that after the incident he flew to Phuket, Thailand, where he again met his friend, before flying back to Singapore, where he was arrested. Police witnesses told the court that he was carrying several passports, each with different names but many containing his own photograph.

One passport belonged to Mr Lowe and two others to Sheila Damude and her son Darin, whose dismembered bodies were later found in Phuket. Scripps told the police that he had never met the Damudes and that the same British friend had given him their passports.

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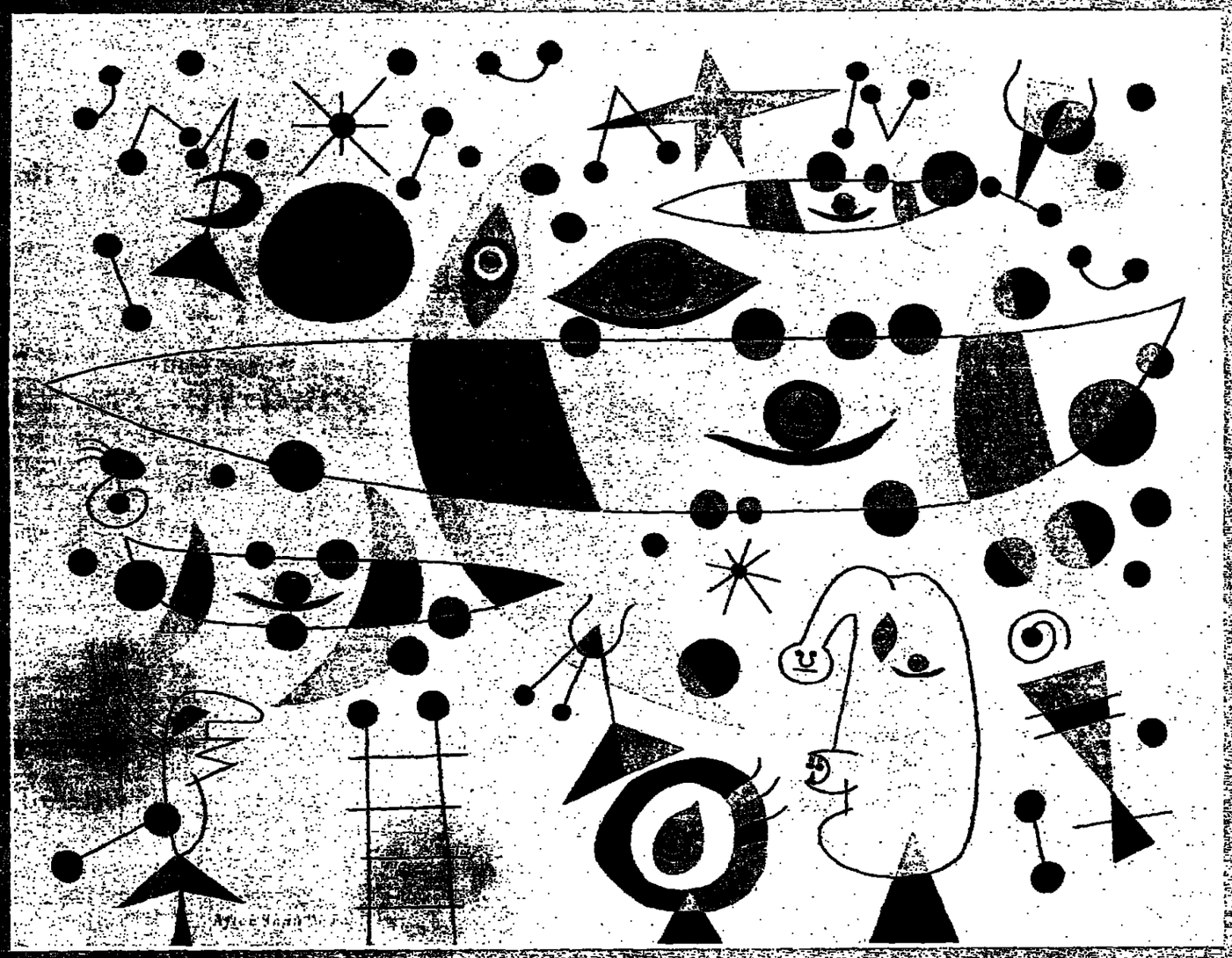
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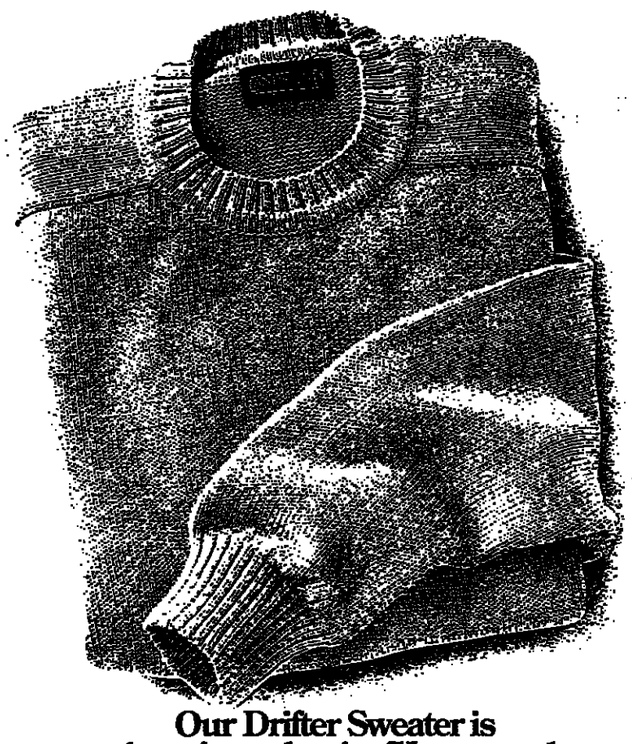
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Patients fear the soaring cost of medical advances will prevent prompt and universal treatment

MS sufferers accuse Government of rationing new drug

BY CATHERINE MILTON
SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

MULTIPLE sclerosis sufferers fear they may be denied a new drug, hailed as the greatest advance since the condition was identified 150 years ago, because of its cost.

Beta-interferon is expected to be licensed in Britain shortly, and could help the 10 per cent of the country's 80,000 MS patients who suffer severe relapses. But the drug costs £10,000 a year for one patient, which could add up to an annual bill of £80 million.

MS sufferers accused the Government of attempting to ration the drug after the Department of Health said yesterday that GPs should refer patients to hospital specialists rather than prescribing it themselves. The patients said lengthy waiting lists for some consultants would mean many of those in need would have to wait for treatment. The drug has been licensed in the United States for two years.

The department insisted there was no question of rationing. The draft guidelines advise hospitals to look sympathetically at patients likely to benefit in the light of "other local priorities".

Ian Deering, who began campaigning for the use of beta-interferon five years ago when his son was diagnosed with MS, said: "For the first time there is a drug that could help some sufferers of MS, one of the world's cruellest conditions, and the Government seems to be seeking to ration it because of cost."

Mr Deering, 60, a retired civil servant from Grangemouth, Central Region, is paying about £10,000 a year for the drug for his son Kenneth, 29.

Peter Cardy, chief executive of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, said: "I don't think the Department of Health is deliberately trying to ration beta-interferon but that might be the effect if they don't do something to cut waiting times for consultant appointments."

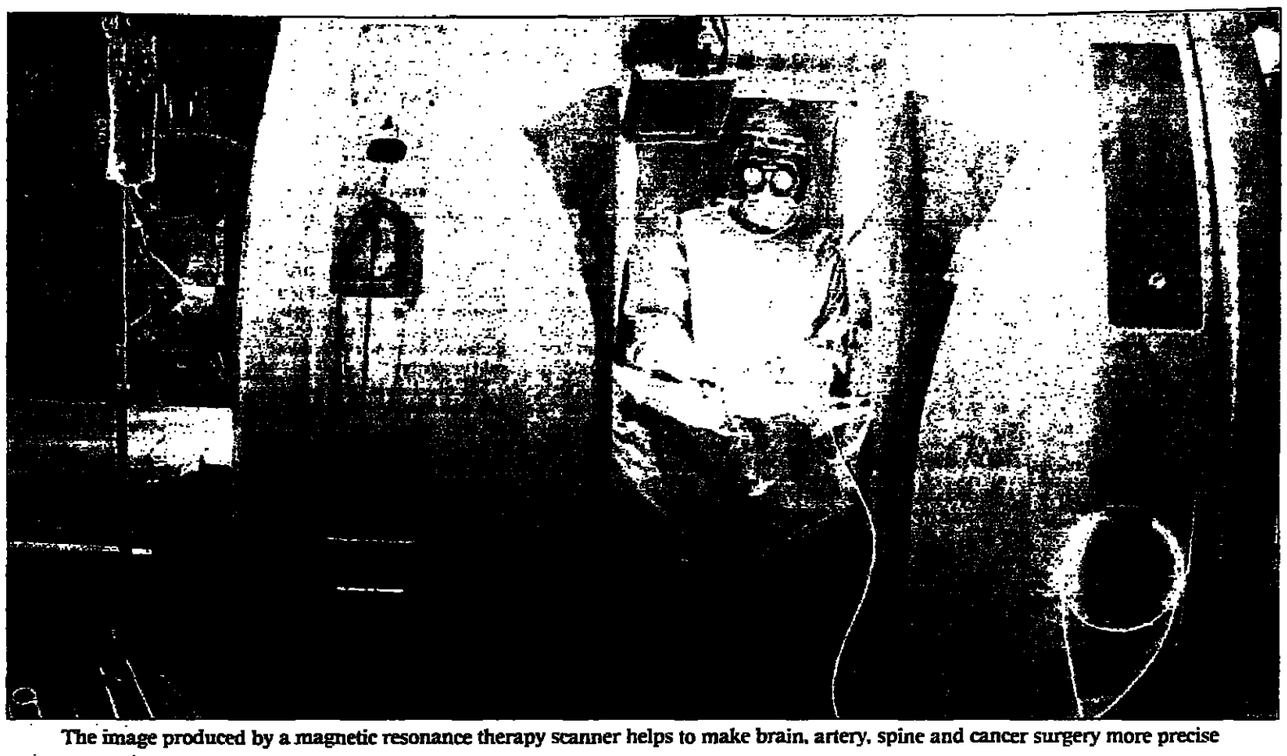
He urged sufferers to be level-headed about the drug. "I know it is the first thing to come along for 150 years since the condition was first diagnosed, but others are coming along behind."

Professor McDonald, also president of the Association of British Neurologists, said: "The view of most consultants is that the evidence that beta-interferon makes a difference to patients' lives is not persuasive." He said the drug could help only sufferers with the "relapsing-remitting" form of MS, helping to cut their debilitating relapses by a third.

The drug could cause flu-like symptoms after each jab, and depression. "The diagnosis of MS is quite tricky and one does not want to see patients who would not benefit being put on this treatment," Professor McDonald said.

The European Medicines Evaluation Agency is expected to decide shortly whether to grant a pan-European licence for a beta-interferon drug called Betaferon, manufactured by Schering Health Care. The company declined to comment on the likely price of the drug but in countries where it is already licensed it costs between £8,000 and £11,000. The cost per treatment rises when, as in the case of beta-interferon, the potential market for a drug is relatively small.

More dentists will be forced into the private sector unless the Government increases public funding by 10 per cent, the British Dental Association said yesterday. The pay review body for doctors and dentists was told that NHS practitioners could not meet their costs because of underfunding. Bill Allen, chairman of the BDA council, said: "Unless radical action is taken, patients will continue to experience increasing difficulties in receiving treatment on the NHS." Dentists were said to be suffering stress from financial pressure and higher workloads.



The image produced by a magnetic resonance therapy scanner helps to make brain, artery, spine and cancer surgery more precise

Hospital invests £4m in pioneering scanner

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

A REVOLUTIONARY new scanner that enables keyhole surgery to be done with unprecedented accuracy is to go on trial at a London hospital.

The magnetic resonance therapy scanner allows surgeons to operate while a picture of the patient's organs is displayed on a screen. The image can be used to guide a surgeon's keyhole instruments to the exact position, making brain, artery, spine and cancer surgery more precise and safer.

The surgeon stands inside the powerful magnetic field of the scanner and must use instruments made of ceramics or other non-magnetic materials to prevent them flying out of his hands. The machine, made by General Electric in America, is one of only 15 being made available throughout the world in a trial designed to demonstrate its effectiveness. It has cost St Mary's Hospital in Paddington, west London, £2 million, and another £2 million will be needed to establish a research facility.

Dr Deborah Cunningham, director of radiology, said: "If you ask, it will show you a picture of tissue a few millimetres ahead of the surgical tool, or to the side, so you can see exactly what you are doing."

Dr Wady Gedroyc, a consultant radiologist at St Mary's, said he believes one of the main applications would be in "thermal therapy" — using heat or cold to kill tumours without hurting neighbouring tissue. Breast cancers can be destroyed by focusing ultrasound on them, causing them to heat up. Such operations will require no incisions.

Dr Gedroyc said operations on slipped discs, which normally mean eight weeks off work, should be done as day cases or with an overnight stay because they could be completed with the patient sitting up.

Prescription for trouble when cures have a price

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A RANGE of expensive new drugs has raised the spectre of rationing to control budgets. Among them are are Tacrine for Alzheimer's disease, *pulmozyme for cystic fibrosis*, the growth hormone somatropin, four Aids drugs, fluids used by renal dialysis patients and beta-interferon.

Pulmozyme costs £7,000 per patient per year, and could in theory benefit three quarters of Britain's 6,000 cystic fibrosis sufferers. There is an even higher price for Ceredase for Gaucher's disease, a rare condition causing lethargy: it costs £50,000 in the first year and £10,000 thereafter.

Drug companies argue that some products are expensive because the market is small, denying them the economies of scale. In other cases, the production method is costly. Ceredase is made from human placentas, and needs a ton-and-a-half of the raw material to make a month's supply for a single patient.

Given a large market, the companies would develop cheaper production methods or synthetic versions. In rare diseases the development costs cannot be justified.

Hospital drug budgets are limited, so consultants are under constant pressure to keep costs down. As a result, drug companies offer them deals, providing drugs at costs far below those of high-street pharmacists. Often patients are started on drugs by hospitals, then GPs are expected to prescribe the same drugs at much higher cost.

These include treatments for infertility, growth deficiency, cancers, HIV, immunosuppressive drugs for transplant patients and fluids needed for home dialysis. GP spending on these has risen sharply, according to a report from the Audit Commission last year. In some cases, GPs and consultants have been drawn into argument about who should pay.

But drugs for comparatively rare conditions are not the real budget-breakers. The Audit Commission reported that more expensive versions of common drugs were a far greater cost. Wider use of generic alternatives would save £50 million on the NHS drug budget of £4 billion.

The ulcer drug ranitidine costs hospitals no more than cimetidine — but it costs the NHS almost twice as much when prescribed by GPs. Many continue to prescribe it, because it reduces the risk of side-effects when taken with other drugs.

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Murder trial

Ruth Neave, 27, was committed for trial at Northampton Crown Court by magistrates at Peterborough accused of the murder of her son Rikki in November last year.

Holiday isles

Fine weather and a weak pound helped to attract 2.62 million overseas visitors to Britain in July — a record for any single month. They spent an estimated £1.3 billion.

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Meacher tries to scare would-be railway investors

By James Landall
Political Reporter



LABOUR tried yesterday to frighten off potential investors in the forthcoming rail privatisation by warning them that in government it would not guarantee to maintain subsidies.

Michael Meacher, the Shadow Transport Secretary, also told rail operators that they could face price caps and rising track access charges. Uncertainty remained, however, over how Labour would carry out Tony Blair's pledge to make a privatised rail network "publicly owned and publicly accountable". Party sources said that it would not necessarily involve full renationalisation.

"If there are any investors thinking of buying into our rail system, I have a message for you," Mr Meacher told the party conference in Brighton. "The railways depended on public subsidy last year to the tune of £1.8 billion. There can be no guarantee from any government that such a subsidy will continue indefinitely at that level."

He also said that Labour would prevent franchise holders cutting services to make quick profits. "If you want to buy a pig in a poke in all those circumstances, it's up to you — but don't come crying to me when it all ends in tears."

The warning came as union leaders backed Mr Blair's call on Tuesday to bring the railways back into public ownership. Jimmy Knapp, leader of the RMT rail union, said: "We need an incoming Labour government to return the entire railway industry to public ownership and accountability, with full integration. We welcome unreservedly Tony Blair's commitment yesterday to bring that about."

Yesterday, however, Mr Blair refused to say whether the party would "renationalise" the railways. "We want to see it publicly owned and publicly accountable," he said in a radio interview. "I am not giving blank cheques in this area or any other area. We will look at the possibility of taking it back into public ownership."

Labour sources said that it was impossible to say exactly how much would be taken back into public ownership because it was uncertain how much would be privatised by the time of the next election. It might be impossible for a Labour government to buy everything back immediately. "You don't have to say, on the first day of a Labour government, we have got £14 billion and let's use it to buy back shares," one aide said.

However, Mr Meacher later told BBC Radio 4's *World At One* that there would be several options open to a Labour government. "There is the whole question of 51 per cent buy-back, there are golden shares, there are bonds. There are many different options. I am not at this stage going to give away details."

During the debate Mr Meacher promised a "rail renaissance" under a Labour government. Labour would fund a better-integrated public transport network by shifting the transport budget away from motorway building. Improvements would include a high-speed rail link not just from the Channel to London but to the North and Scotland, with connections to the East, West and Wales.

'Indignity of mixed wards must end'

By Nicholas Wood
Chief Political Correspondent

MIXED-SEX hospital wards would be abolished by an incoming Labour government to protect the privacy of patients, Margaret Beckett said yesterday.

The Shadow Health Secretary was cheered by delegates as she called on Stephen Dorrell, her Tory counterpart, to "restore dignity to patients" by scrapping arrangements that in many cases required men and women to share wards.

She said later that the the practice had been forced on hospitals by the reduction in beds. "We find that there is such distress, such hostility, to mixed-sex wards that we are calling on hospitals to phase them out as soon as possible."

Mrs Beckett cited the transfer of clinical support services to private firms as evidence of the Tories' "stealthy privatisation" of the health service, and said the NHS was suffering its most dangerous attack in 50 years.

The conference backed plans to undo most of the Tory reforms. The assets of NHS trusts would be renationalised: GP fundholding would be replaced by GP commissioning in which GPs would have greater influence over where their patients were treated; and the internal market and gagging clauses in the contracts of NHS staff would be scrapped. But the split between health purchasers and providers would be retained.

But the sense of unity generated by the condemnation of the Conservatives' record was strained by union rumblings over public-sector pay. Rodney Bickerstaffe, associate general secretary of Unison, the 1.3 million-strong public service union, pounced on Tony Blair's warning yesterday that a Labour government would have to say "no" to its union backers at some times.

Mr Bickerstaffe said NHS staff were "the most shining and polished face in the jewel of the public crown". He told Mr Blair: "We cannot keep grinding them down, exploiting them."



Reduction in block vote wins support

By Jill Sherman

DELEGATES gave overwhelming backing yesterday to a move to reduce the union block vote at party conferences to 50 per cent from next year.

The conference also supported new party rules that pave the way for further reductions in the block vote and give the Labour leadership a range of new powers.

From next year the votes of unions and constituency parties will carry equal weight at the policy-making annual conference. At present the split is 70/30 in the unions' favour.

The big trade unions have made clear that they will not tolerate any further reduction in their block vote. But the previous guarantee that the union share of the conference vote will not drop below 50 per cent is absent from the new rulebook.

A vote on the new rules was carried by 93 per cent. Arthur Scargill, also lost his bid to reintroduce the party's commitment to nationalisation in the party's constitution.

Under the new rules, the national executive will have the power to hold special conferences to change policy and to hold compulsory ballots of party members. Left-wingers are worried that the ballots could be used to push through changes without reference to the unions or the party conference.

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Kinnock urges Britain to join landmine ban

By James Landale, Political Reporter



Glenys Kinnock on the Brighton "battlefront"

LABOUR MPs and MEPs set up a mock battlefield on Brighton beach yesterday in a campaign to ban the production and export of anti-personnel landmines.

The group, including David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, and Glenys Kinnock MEP, urged the Government to sign up to a United Nations convention banning the trade in landmines, which kill or maim up to 2,000 people a month. The Government bans the sale of some landmines, allows the trade in "smart" mines, which supposedly have the technology to make themselves safe once conflicts are over.

Mr Clark rejected the distinction, saying that many of the "smart" mines did not self-destruct. "We are very concerned about the Government's complacency on this," he said. "Britain should immediately halt the export of anti-personnel landmines of all types."

Mrs Kinnock, who has just returned from seeing the effect of landmines in Mozambique, said it was unacceptable that countries produced, exported, stockpiled and used landmines. About 100 million mines are believed to be scattered around the world.

"There is huge support that this is a form of weapon that should be abolished," she said. "Our own Government is being the least helpful. They are still trying to defend the use of these self-destructing mines."

Earlier this week, David Davis, the Foreign Office Minister, defended the Government's refusal to accept a full ban. "Landmines remain an effective defensive weapon," he said. "Our own armed forces have them and need them. If they had to do without landmines, our forces would be weakened."

He said that it would not be right to deny other responsible countries the right to have landmines. He added that Britain had not exported any for many years. "Our opposition to a total ban reflects the fact that our armed forces need landmines and may need to import them. It is not driven by a desire to export them."

Redwood accuses Blair of policy theft

By Arthur Leathley, Political Correspondent

JOHN REDWOOD accused Tony Blair yesterday of using his right-wing policies to outflank the Tory party.

The former Cabinet minister claimed that Mr Blair had become the "thieving magpie" of British politics in taking other people's policies and portraying them as his own.

Mr Redwood confirmed the blurring of the Right-Left political divide by adding that he agreed with several of Mr Blair's policies, such as restricting profits made by monopoly utility companies. He claimed that Labour had poached his ideas for a reduction in the rate of VAT on fuel and the setting up of an information superhighway to all schools.

Launching the first publication from the Conseravtive 2000 Foundation think-tank, he said: "I think the monopoly utilities have been overcharging and that we need to inject a great deal more competition and the regulators need to be a lot tougher on them."

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Germans rule Leeson to be extradited

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE trial of Nick Leeson is a step nearer after a German Court ruled that he should be extradited to Singapore to face 11 of the 12 charges laid against him.

Lawyers acting on behalf of Mr Leeson, the trader blamed for the £860 million collapse of Barings, said that they would appeal the decision to the German Federal Constitutional Court, the highest legal authority in the country, within the one-month time limit.

The Frankfurt court yesterday upheld the extradition of Mr Leeson, who is being detained in the city's Hoechst prison, on three charges of forgery, two of defrauding Barings Futures (Singapore) and six of defrauding the Singapore International Monetary Exchange (Simex). Only one charge, that of falsifying a document, was thrown out on the grounds that it was not punishable under German law.

The court ruling is a blow to Mr Leeson's legal team, headed by Stephen Pollard, of Kingsley Napley, which had hoped to have either the case thrown out altogether or have the charges reduced by at least half. Eberhard Kempf, Mr Leeson's German lawyer who broke the news to the trader in his cell, said: "The reasoning of the German Court appears in various respects to be inconsistent and wrong in law".

Mr Pollard added: "There are clear grounds for appeal against the decision to extradite in respect of at least eight of the remaining charges."

Hans-Hermann Eckert, the Frankfurt public prosecutor, told *The Times*: "I will now send all the papers and documents relating to the case to the Ministry of Justice in Bonn. I think that the decision to appeal the court's decision to the Constitutional Court will probably only prolong the extradition process for a short while. Since no other country has applied for his extradition I can see no reason to challenge the court's decision."

He continued: "If Great Britain had applied earlier on in the process then, who knows, it might have been a very different situation. I hear that opinion in England is that there are many things involved in this case such as diplomatic niceties and close business links. Our embassy in Singapore has conducted a very thorough review of the standards of law and jurisdiction in the country and has concluded that Mr Leeson will get a fair trial."

The one slim chance that Mr Leeson could still be brought back to the UK to face possible trial is expected to be closed off today or tomorrow. A private prosecution brought by investors who lost more than £50 million in the Barings collapse is likely to be picked up formally by the Serious Fraud Office before being dropped again on Friday. The investors formed the Perpetual Noteholders Action Group, which last week obtained eight summonses against Mr Leeson on charges of false accounting and obtaining money by deception.

The SFO has already studied the papers and it is understood that James Kellock, the SFO lawyer in charge of the Barings investigation, and George Staple, the director of the SFO, still believe that the action group's case is not as strong as that of the Singapore authorities.

David Harrel, of SJ Berwin, the solicitor acting for the bondholders action group, said: "If the SFO takes over the action purely to discontinue it, without good reason, we would argue that it is an abuse of process. The Singapore charges against Mr Leeson are very narrow, whereas our case brought in a UK court means the whole story about the collapse of Barings would have to be told." It is expected that if the SFO goes ahead with its plan to drop the private prosecution the action group will seek a judicial review of the decision.

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Deficit cutting urged by IMF

BY JANET BUSH

THE International Monetary Fund yesterday said the European single currency is unlikely by the 1999 deadline but urged governments not to use the slippage in the Maastricht timetable as an excuse to go soft on cutting deficits.

In its *World Economic Outlook*, presented at its annual meeting in Washington, the IMF included Britain in these strictures, saying it is important for Britain to avoid slippages in its efforts to cut public borrowing. It warned the Government not to indulge in "fiscal backsliding" because of a build-up in hopes of Budget tax cuts.

In general, the IMF's report on Britain was uncontroversial and close to the Treasury's view of developments. The IMF revised growth this year down to 2.7 per cent from the 3.2 per cent it forecast in May. For 1996, the IMF is predicting growth of 2.9 per cent. The Treasury's *Summer Forecast* put this year at 3 per cent and next year at 2.75 per cent.

The IMF praised efforts by central bankers to bring important currency relationships more into line with economic fundamentals but said the dollar could do with a little strengthening. It said that there was scope to cut interest rates in Germany and France but gave warning against further US rate cuts.

The IMF remained gloomy about Japan, predicting growth this year of only 0.5 per cent. It said that there were still significant risks to Japan's financial sector and said that the authorities should continue to provide the system with ample liquidity to avoid further problems.

Over the top to the bottom

CHRIS HARRIS



Clare Turnball, of Union Bank of Switzerland's emerging markets sales staff, was among 200 women in the City who abseiled down a nine-storey building in London's Finsbury Square yesterday, cajoled by Royal Marines, to raise an estimated £20,000 for Motivation, a charity that helps to produce low-cost wheelchairs in developing countries

VW to cut Seat output

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

VOLKSWAGEN, Europe's biggest carmaker, has agreed to cut production at Seat, its troubled Spanish subsidiary, by 30 per cent, to meet tough European Commission conditions for state aid.

Karel Van Miert, the Competition Commissioner, said the agreement, which will chop 5-6 per cent off the VW group's European output, would in return provide EU approval for a 46 billion peseta (£234 million) subsidy from the Spanish Government for restructuring. The announcement followed talks in Brussels with Juan Manuel Eguiageray, the Spanish Minister for Industry.

Brussels failed in its attempts to force EU steelmakers to adopt its master plan for shedding surplus capacity, but has become increasingly demanding where state subsidy for restructuring in any industry is concerned, insisting that overcapacity must be removed.

The Spanish Government, which has sought to rescue Seat, has until the end of the month to give its final response to Brussels. A spokesman for VW said that group headquarters was "very satisfied" with the terms offered by Mr Van Miert.

The spokesman pointed out that the capacity cuts were specific to Seat only and were based on the production level achieved in 1993. Since then, big capacity cuts have already been made. Capacity at VW's own plants and at other marque subsidiaries would not be affected.

Formal complaints to Brussels from rival carmakers prompted the commission to launch an investigation in June into the subsidy for Seat, which the Spanish authorities sought to present as for research and development rather than restructuring.

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Federal Funds	5¹¹⁄₁₆%*	(5¾%)
Long Bond	105³²⁄₃₂*	(105¹⁴⁄₃₂)
Yield	6.46%*	(6.46%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	6⁵⁄₁₆%	(6⁵⁄₁₆%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	106⁵⁄₃₂	(106¹⁄₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5840*	(1.5835)
London:		
$	1.5843	(1.5817)
DM	2.2680	(2.2763)
FFr	7.8490	(7.8510)
SFr	1.8228	(1.8331)
Yen	159.42	(160.59)
£ Index	85.2	(85.2)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4328*	(1.4390)
FFr	4.9477*	(4.9580)
SFr	1.1505*	(1.1596)
Yen	100.70*	(101.48)
$ Index	93.0	(93.1)

Tokyo close Yen 101.12

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Dec) $15.90 ($16.00)

GOLD

London close $382.85 ($382.35)

* denotes midday trading price

Talking

Vodafone Britain's biggest mobile phone operator, has entered negotiations on the possible aquisition of Talkland, the country's leading independent service supplier for the industry. Générale des Eaux, the French utility group, has opened negotiations on the sale of the two-thirds stake it owns in Talkland. **Page 26**

Advising

The Futures and Options Association has set up an operational-risk review panel to advise derivatives users on how to improve controls. **Page 30**

Bad debt charges fall as Bank of Scotland soars



Pattullo: "prudential"

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

FALLING bad debt provisions enabled Bank of Scotland to unveil a 23 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £261.6 million in the first half of the year to August 31.

Total bad debt charges fell from £118.6 million to £85.8 million. The charge for specific provisions fell 41 per cent to £65.3 million, but the bank continued its policy of increasing the general provision to guard against possible bad debts in the future, making a £20.5 million provision.

Sir Bruce Pattullo, the bank governor, said banking was a cyclical industry: "A strong general provision as we have helps the bank when the going gets tough. I am by nature a prudential banker that likes to tuck things away."

He said that Bank of Scotland, unlike some of its London-based competitors, also managed to increase profits before provisions — they were 5.6 per cent higher at £339.6 million.

Costs increased 16 per cent to £318.7 million. Sir Bruce said that half the increase came from recruiting 500 staff to NWS Bank, the bank's finance house, and half from a branch refurbishment programme and new technology.

The bank's total assets increased 15 per cent to £36.8 billion. Profit from the clearing bank, before provisions, was 5 per cent higher at £246.7 million, including a £23.6 million profit on the sale of the bank's share in Halifax Credit Card Ltd and a special dividend of £10.9 million from 3i. Pre-tax profits were up 24 per cent to £183.2 million.

NWS Bank pushed its pre-tax profits up 11 per cent to £53.5 million. British Linen Bank profits rose 7 per cent to £ 8 million. Bank of Wales profits were up from just £300,000 to £1.2 million. Kellock Holdings, the factoring company, pushed pre-tax profits up from £1.4 million to £2.2 million. Countrywide Banking in New Zealand earned pre-tax profits of NZ$31.3 million against NZ$19.1 million last time.

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Eurotunnel facing £450m loss

NERVOUS trading developed in Eurotunnel shares yesterday ahead of mid-year results, due on Friday. It is no secret that Eurotunnel will suffer a loss but analysts have increased estimates from £350 million to nearer £450 million (Melvyn Marckus writes).

Such estimates are based on the prospectus indication of an operating expenditure of close on £150 million and depreciation costs of more than £100 million. Interest, assuming a debt of £8 billion, is estimated at some £300 million. Taking into account revenues of a little more than £100 million, reflecting the delayed start up, this would suggest a loss of around £450 million.

Eurotunnel's shares shaded 2p to 95p yesterday despite news that Le Shuttle consolidated its position on the Dover-Calais route in September, transporting close on 109,000 vehicles.

The number of cars using Le Shuttle in September was 105,914, down from the 145,861 in the peak month of August. The number of Eurostar train services rose from August's 844 to 862.

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A pool of talent

Naim Attallah may leave Asprey soon

BY MELVYN MARCKUS, CITY EDITOR

SPECULATION is mounting that Naim Attallah, the controversial chief executive of Asprey, the ailing Bond Street jewellers, will shortly bow out.

Mr Attallah, the Palestinian publisher widely criticised over Asprey's acquisitions, announced earlier this year that he planned to retire by the end of 1996. Mr Ian Dahl, former head of Sportsgirl, an Australian fashion retailer, was appointed heir apparent to Mr Attallah in August but no handover period was specified. John Asprey, chairman and principal shareholder in the company, refused to comment on rumours that Mr Attallah will leave before the end of the year. He said: "I am sure Mr Attallah will retire at an appropriate moment." Asked if Mr Attallah would remain a director, Mr Asprey said that the matter had "not been discussed."

At a stormy annual meeting in August, before Mr Dahl's appointment, Mr Attallah come under fire in the wake of 1994-95's trading reversal which saw pre-tax profits of £25.4 million slump to a loss of £9.8 million and the final dividend passed. Shareholders voted against Mr Attallah's re-election on a show of hands, although he received the overwhelming support of proxy votes.

In reply to allegations that he did not spend enough time at his work, Mr Attallah said: "I'm in my office at 7.30 am every day and never take holidays. I put in more hours than anyone in this room." Under his direction Asprey embarked on a big expansion that embraced Garrard and Mappin & Webb, the Crown jewellers — acquired from Sears for £75 million in 1990. Watches of Switzerland was purchased from Ratners for £23 million two years later. Les Ambassadeurs, the watch and jewellery chain, was acquired for £10.8 million in 1993 when Asprey also purchased Ronald A. Lee, the antiques specialist. Other businesses bought include Renke Boivin, the Paris jeweller and Tomasz Starweski, the designer.

Nick Harrington, finance director, recently resigned for personal reasons. Talks are under way to find a successor and news is expected soon. Mr Dahl, who once worked at Marks & Spencer, has said he would bring the Marks & Spencer ethos to Asprey: "The gospel of St Michael is very much about disciplined management."

Classics to return at Austin Reed

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

A POORLY received move into the more glamorous side of womenswear hit the profits of Austin Reed, the clothing retailer, and led to the shake-up of the womenswear section.

The retailer associated with classic lines blamed its flirtation with flimsy clothing for a 27 per cent drop in pre-tax profits for the first six months. Colin Evans, chief executive, said: "We are returning to what we are known for and what our customers prefer. We tried to go for a younger market and it proved costly." He said that the traditional look will now return under the direction of Susan Monks, the new head of womenswear, who joined from John Lewis.

The fall-off in womenswear — which accounts for 20 per cent of the merchandise of Austin Reed, which diversified into that area 15 years ago after being solely a men's outfitters, was compounded by the same poor spending on the high street that has been suffered by most retailers. Although a large amount of Austin Reed's sales come in the second half because of the heavier nature of their clothes, the company gave a warning about future performance. Barry Reed, chairman, said: "We remain cautious about the final outcome for the year."

Overall sales inched up 5.3 per cent to £36.3 million and the interim dividend, to be paid on December 1, was maintained at 2p.



Back to basics: Barry Reed, right, with Colin Evans, chief executive, centre, and Chris Thomson, finance director

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.17	2.01
Austria Sch	17.03	15.53
Belgium Fr	49.84	45.54
Canada $	2.210	2.050
Cyprus Cypf	0.758	0.703
Denmark Kr	9.45	8.85
Finland Mkk	7.40	6.75
France Fr	8.28	7.61
Germany Dm	2.43	2.22
Greece Dr	386.00	361.00
Hong Kong $	12.85	11.85
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel Shk	5.1713	4.5213
Italy Lira	2655.00	2500.00
Japan Yen	174.50	158.50
Malta	0.801	0.548
Netherlds Gld	2.705	2.475
New Zealand $	2.55	2.33
Norway Kr	10.59	9.79
Portugal Esc	249.50	231.00
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.51
Spain Pta	203.50	190.50
Sweden Kr	11.65	10.85
Switzerland Fr	1.97	1.79
Turkey Lira	refer	74130.0
USA $	1.577	1.547

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Lenders seek stimulus for housing market

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE Council of Mortgage Lenders, representing the home loans industry, will today call for decisive government action to revive the housing market.

The CML, in a submission to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in advance of next month's Budget has asked for the abolition of the housing transaction tax and stamp duty, and recommended that he provide additional help for first-time buyers, still seen as the housing market's engine.

The CML said uncertainty over jobs, interest rates — there is still hope that the Chancellor could announce a rate cut at the Conservative Party conference next week if not around Budget time — house prices and government policy, have deterred potential purchasers. The result was that after a modest recovery in house prices and transactions between 1992 and 1994, the full force of recession had hit the market again this year.

Lenders argue that their recent action in cutting home loan rates independently of any move from the Bank of England has removed, for the time being, concerns about higher mortgage rates. The Government should now build on that development, said the CML.

Adrian Coles, director-general of the CML, said: "A major problem with the housing market is too low a level of transactions. One obvious way to deal with this is to abolish the tax on transactions. Well over half of all house purchasers in the areas worst affected by negative equity — London and South East England — have to pay stamp duty. The abolition of this tax will ease the difficulties faced by those with negative equity who wish to move and also cut the costs of first-time buyers entering the market."

Analysts estimate that more than one million of Britain's 10 million mortgage borrowers are still caught in the negative equity trap, with at least double that number unable to move because they cannot afford the costs and fees associated with moving house.

The progressive reductions in the value of mortgage interest tax relief (Miras) and the cuts in income support, introduced this month, for homeowners who lose their jobs or become too ill to work, have harmed the very people most attracted into owner occupation during the expansion of the 1980s, the CML said.

The trade body concluded that "the housing market is deep in recession and has not shared in the general economic recovery that has occurred over the last two or three years". Without immediate steps to help "there is a significant risk that activity in the housing market will decline further", Mr Coles said.

Lloyd's auditors demand cover

FIRMS which audit Lloyd's of London syndicates, including Ernst & Young and Arthur Andersen, have hardened their stance in the fight to raise funds for a settlement with litigating names (Jon Ashworth writes).

The audit firms are demanding to be be ring-fenced from future litigation, before agreeing to contribute up to £200 million towards the £2.8 billion global settlement. Judgment is expected soon in the case of Merrett 418 — the first case involving Lloyd's where the liability of auditors is an issue. The ruling will turn on whether the Merrett syndicates and their auditors should have been more aware in the 1970s and early 1980s of the potential for enormous losses arising from asbestos claims in America. The court case appears to have focused the minds of the audit firms. Ernst & Young is the biggest player, with audit accounts speaking for about 45 per cent of Lloyd's underwriting capacity.

The accountants are anxious to defuse the threat of future legal action in return for contributing to the overall settlement. Negotiations affect about 15 audit firms.

Banks still upset their customers says survey

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

MORE than a quarter of bank customers found a mistake in their current account last year and most were unhappy with the way it was handled. The annual *Which?* survey of bank service puts Barclays and NatWest bottom for satisfaction and Alliance & Leicester, First Direct and Royal Bank of Scotland at the top.

The survey found that the introduction of the Code of Banking Practice and campaigning by the Consumers' Association "may be beginning to bite" as the number of mistakes had fallen from 35 per cent in 1994. However, this was still too high, it said.

The survey found that Midland had improved significantly since last year, but "with Lloyds, is still only average". One in eight customers had problems with a standing order or direct debit over the past year; one in nine were charged incorrectly by their bank; one in three had made a complaint and two-thirds of those who had complained were dissatisfied with the way it was handled.

Graeme Jacobs, *Which?* money editor, said: "The current level of banks' bungling is still unacceptable. Too many mistakes slip through the net. When a quarter of *Which?* members find a mistake in their account over a year, there is clearly a case to answer."

The British Bankers' Association welcomed the results, as they confirmed levels of complaints were falling. But it said results from several independent surveys showed the number of people satisfied with their bank was much higher.

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Medical insurance 'falls short'

THE £2 billion private medical insurance market has shown "little real innovation" and has designed its products to suit the industry and not its customers, according to Peter Owen, chief executive of PPP, the UK's second-largest medical insurer (Robert Miller writes).

Addressing the annual private medical insurance (PMI) conference yesterday, Mr Owen said it was important to broaden the definition of the market to include products to meet customers' needs for all of their life. On that basis the potential value of future business was £12 billion, he said.

He added: "Products need to be simple, without small print, and they need to provide the customer with choice based on quality of information."

Of the healthcare reforms, Mr Owen said: "Probably the biggest single change under Labour will be the lack of encouragement for private paybeds within the NHS."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

SIB offers life firms a less tough regime

THE City's chief regulator has signalled a radical review of the regulatory regime governing life offices. Delivering the 1995 Britannia Caledonian financial services lecture in Glasgow, Andrew Large, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), said a year after introducing a tough new commission and cost-disclosure system was an appropriate moment to appraise the possibility of "more efficient and less-restrictive regulation" for the industry.

Life companies, beset by the personal pensions mis-selling scandal, which could leave the industry with a £3 billion final bill in costs and compensation, will welcome the prospect of a lighter touch; new life and pensions business figures so far this year have shown little sign of picking up. Mr Large said fellow regulators and consumer groups will be consulted on the issues during 1996. Urging a new approach from the life offices, Mr Large said regulators and practioners should "together rekindle confidence" in the industry.

ScottishPower lifts stake

SCOTTISHPOWER said it bought 5.3 million more Manweb shares at 990p, its cash bid price, raising its stake in the regional electricity company to 26.2 per cent. It has received acceptances in respect of a further 6 per cent, making its effective ownership 32.2 per cent. ScottishPower's £1.1 billion hostile takeover bid for Manweb expires at noon tomorrow. The company is confident of gaining full acceptances in the absence of a white knight bid. Manweb has advised shareholders to reject the bid.

Receiverships fall

THE total number of administrative receivership appointments and administration orders fell to 145 in September from 173 in August, in line with the seasonal decline in most years. The number compares with 132 in September 1994. Total appointments for August of this year were also higher than in the same month of 1994. Increases were recorded in the West Midlands, Yorkshire and Humberside, and the North West. There were no appointments in Wales (four in August), while all other regions showed a drop.

British court snubbed

THE Kuwait Investment Office's former representative in Spain, facing fraud charges in Madrid and London, said he has no intention of responding to a British court order requiring information on missing funds. "I have told them not to involve me because this falls under Spanish jurisdiction," said Javier de la Rosa. The KIO has filed suits in a London court against him and other former KIO executives, accusing them of fraud. A London judge has required Señor de la Rosa to disclose the destination of $540 million in KIO funds.

Scholl warns rebels

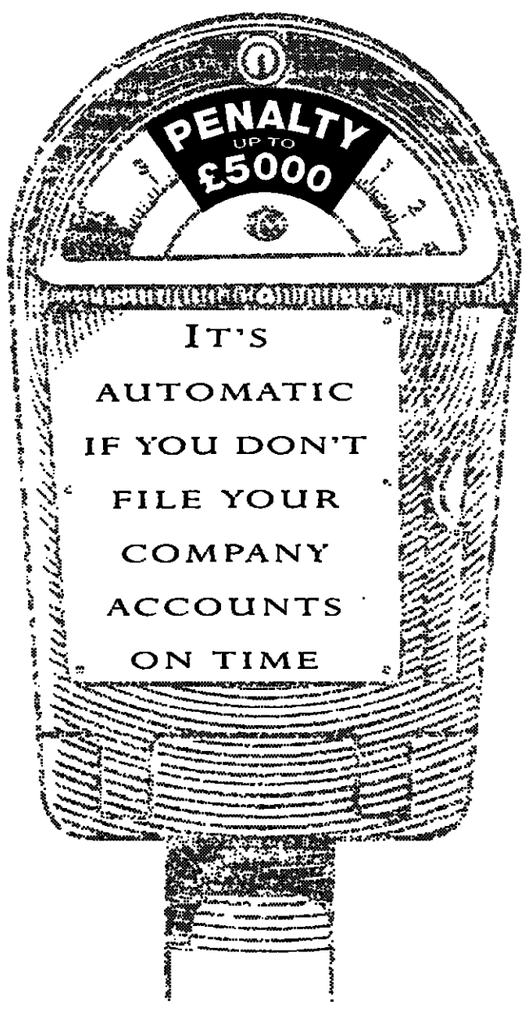
SCHOLL, the footwear and healthcare company, yesterday urged shareholders to reject the resolution from rebel shareholders on October 24 to replace three directors and put the company on the auction block. Scholl said that earnings were on the rise and that "a protracted public sale risks significant damage to Scholl's business". Active Value Advisers, representing funds owning 15 per cent of shares, said this did not adequately address how shareholder value could be increased. The shares closed at 232p, up 3p.

Brixton Academy sold

BREAK for the Border Group, the restaurant and live-music venue operator, has agreed to acquire the Brixton Academy, a licensed music venue in South London with capacity for 4,270 people, for £1.7 million. Built in 1929, the Academy has been a live music venue since 1983. Magstack, the Academy's ultimate owner, earned profits before tax of £150,000 on turnover of £1.72 million in the year to April 30, 1994. A loss of £250,000 was incurred in the latest 12 months when the venue was closed for a period during refurbishment.

Baird buys E&S

ONE of the oldest printing companies, Eyre and Spottiswoode — founded in 1770 — has been bought by the Northern Irish printing group W & G Baird Holdings for an undisclosed sum. Based in Margate, Kent, Eyre and Spottiswoode operates mainly in the market for legal, confidential, medical and university print. It employs 100 people and has a turnover of about £7 million a year. It is to be renamed Thanet Press. Substantial investment in alternative technologies is planned.



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THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That a petition was on 19th September 1995 presented to Her Majesty's Court of Justice for the confirmation of a cancellation of the entire amount of £5,120,625 standing to the credit of the share premium.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN That the said petition is directed to be heard before one of the Chancery Judges at the old Council House, Corn Street, Bristol on Thursday, 19th October 1995.
ANY creditor or shareholder of the said company desiring to oppose the making of an order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by counsel for that purpose.
Copy of the said petition will be furnished to any person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 29th day of September 1995.
Messrs Burges Salmon
Narrow Quay House, Prince Street, Bristol BS1 4AH.
Ref: CEB/RGH/16424.1
Tel: 0117 939 2000.

Deangrade Limited
1/a Star Circle
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 11th October 1995 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm on the two business days preceeding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED THIS 27th September 1995
Richard Alan Lee, Director

MOBW Limited
Registered number: 2019537. Nature of business: Other Business Services. Trade classification: 38. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 29th September 1995. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: K P Berry, FCA, and S O Sweden, FCA, (office holder nos: 5741 and 2719) of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
PARKER WEBB & CO. (AUTOMOTIVE) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 18 October 1995 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 3.00pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Derrington FIPA, of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
DATED this 29 day of September 1995
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D BIRD, DIRECTOR.

SUTHERLAND MARISSEN LIMITED - IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE OF INTENDED DIVIDEND
I, MELVYN LAURENCE ROSE of Messrs Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Lidgra House, 280 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BE, Liquidator of Sutherland Marissen Limited hereby give notice that it is my intention to declare a first and final dividend in this matter within four months of the date hereof.
Any person claiming to be a Creditor of Sutherland Marissen Limited who has not given me notice of their claim in writing already, must do so within 21 days of the date hereof or be excluded from the said dividend payment.
Dated this 28th day of September 1995
MELVYN LAURENCE ROSE
LIQUIDATOR

CULPIN PLANNING LIMITED
The Insolvency Act 1986
Notice is hereby given that the Creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 2 November 1995, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to the undersigned of Arthur Andersen PO Box C5, 1 Surrey Street, London, WC2R 2NT, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing by the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated 2 October 1995
M FISHMAN, Liquidator.

DEMOGRAFFIX LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 12th October 1995 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceeding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED THIS 28th September 1995
I. Kilbey, Director.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
LONDON VALETING LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above company will be held at the Bonnington Hotel, 92 Southampton Row, London WC1B on 11 October 1995 at 12.45pm for the purpose provided for in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Grant Thornton, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, London NW1 2EP on Monday and Tuesday 9 and 10 October 1995 between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm.
DATED THIS 29TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1995
Mr M B Strom, Chairman.

INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
W.H.N. NATIONAL PRODUCTS LIMITED
IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ian Fraser Associates, Cardiff House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company on the 3rd October 1995.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to Mr Ian Fraser at Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP.
I Fraser - Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
COMBINED MEDICAL SYSTEMS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Derrington, FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 29th September 1995.
M.R. DORRINGTON, FIPA, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AUTOMAGIC LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above company will be held at the Bonnington Hotel, 92 Southampton Row, London WC1B on 11 October 1995 at 10.30am for the purposes provided for in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Grant Thornton, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, London NW1 2EP on Monday and Tuesday 9 and 10 October 1995 between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm.
DATED THIS 29TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1995
Mr M B Strom, Chairman.

The Insolvency Act 1986
FORWARD WOODWORKING
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Derrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 29th September 1995.
M.R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
Notice is hereby given pursuant to s 176 of the Companies Act 1985 that:
(1) the above named company has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by purchase;
(2) the amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £87,864 and the written resolution approving such payment out of capital was passed on 21 September 1995;
(3) the statutory declaration of the directors and the auditors' report required by ss 173 and 174 of the said Act are available for inspection at the company's registered office at 34 Chester Drive, North Harrow, Middlesex;
(4) any creditor of the company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following 21 September apply to the court under ss 176 and 177 of the Act for an order prohibiting the payment.
22 September 1995.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOOKER THOMAS GEORGE BOOKER otherwise THOMAS BOOKER late of Plymouth, Devon died there on 29 January 1995. (Estate about £130,000).

CONDELL OLIVER CONDELL otherwise OLIVER WILLIAM CONDELL late of Charlton, London SE7 died there on 27 July 1994. (Estate about £6,800).

EARNEY VICTOR ARTHUR EARNEY late of Lydd, Kent died at Folkestone, Kent on 10 December 1993. (Estate about £9,000)

HAZLETT nee GREEN, MARY MARJORIE EMMA HAZLETT nee GREEN Widow late of Kingsbury, London NW9 died at Edgware, Middlesex on 1 March 1994. (Estate about £265,000).

JAMES nee AUDAER, WINIFRED JAMES nee AUDAER Widow late of Sheffield, South Yorkshire died there on 11 September 1994. (Estate about £250,000).

JONES nee MUNRO, MARGARET CHISHOLM JONES nee MUNRO Widow late of Banbury, Oxfordshire, died there on 12 September 1995. (Estate about £28,000).

KELLY, MARTIN KELLY late of Hackney, London E8 died at Whitechapel, London E1 on 17 July 1995. (Estate about £52,000).

PREECE nee JONES, GEORGINA WINIFRED PREECE nee JONES Widow late of Birmingham, West Midlands died at Bromsgrove, Worcestershire on 6 August 1995. (Estate about £80,000).

RICHARDS, LESLIE JAMES RICHARDS otherwise LESLIE JOHN RICHARDS late of Poole, Dorset died there on 11 April 1994. (Estate about £20,000).

ROGERS nee DE LISLE SOADY, WINIFRED GLADYS ROGERS otherwise WINIFRED ROGERS nee DE LISLE SOADY Widow late of Torquay, Devon died at Torbay, Devon on 19 January 1995. (Estate about £11,000).

SPENCER, HUGH DENNETT SPENCER late of Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex died there on 28 November 1994. (Estate about £66,000).

TWIGLEY, VIOLET CAMPBELL TWIGLEY, SPINSTER late of Merton, London SW19 died at Tooting, London SW17 on 13 November 1993. (Estate about £18,000).

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, before which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

☐ SFO avoids a sticky decision ☐ Still too much grief for bank customers ☐ Trust investors blinded by science

Leeson delays his Singapore sling

☐ BY THE time Nick Leeson has exhausted every nook and cranny of an overly generous German judicial system, he stands a good chance of having served out as much as half of any eventual sentence in Frankfurt.

Appeals to German courts and thereafter to the European Commission on Human Rights could drag on for another two years, to add to the seven months he has already spent in jail. His time at Changi awaiting trial starts thereafter, assuming the European Court does not have one of its periodic rushes of blood to the head and releases him as a political prisoner.

There have been indications from the Singaporean authorities that they are inclined to be lenient. This has little to do with any innate qualities they sense in Nick Leeson that others have missed. The Singaporeans, whatever their views on gauche Americans who spray paint over other people's cars, are becoming tired of being depicted as a Third World country with a judicial system to match.

That system, the Germans have accepted, is strict but fair. Any trial, under the gaze of the world's media, will be fair. Any punishment, for a man who has virtually pleaded guilty on prime-time television, may not be too strict.

He could go down for 14 years, but in reality he may not see half of that. There is a weird echo of the case of Lorrain Osman. The fugitive Malaysian banker, wanted for a Hong Kong property fraud, spent the years 1985 to 1992 on remand in Brixton and Pentonville, with frequent visits to the High Court in a bid to evade extradition to the colony.

Once finally back in Hong Kong, Osman saw 15 of the 16 charges he faced dropped and received a single year on jail for the last. The Hong Kong authorities based their leniency on the "terrible conditions" they said he had endured in British prisons.

The decision in Frankfurt, although not unexpected, must come as a relief to a Serious Fraud Office faced with the prospect, had extradition to Singapore failed, of seeking to have him tried in London. The SFO's keenness for this course of action can be judged by its apparent desire to take over, in order to bury, the private prosecution that has been brought by aggrieved Barings bondholders.

This unwillingness to become involved is understandable, even if it offers those bondholders little comfort. First, it is self-evident that the alleged offences took place on the other side of the world. Secondly, even disregarding the horrendous expense of a trial, there is the outside chance, as with Levitt, that he might walk free. It is hard to imagine a prosecuting authority with a record like the SFO's surviving such a disaster.

The scene is now set for lengthy and expensive legal actions, once the SFO has formally dropped the case, brought by those bondholders — a small consolation prize for lawyers deprived of a Leeson show trial.

Calling banks to account

☐ SOME splendid news from the Consumers Association for a change — apparently three out of four people have no problem with their banks. This may fly in the face of the evidence, documentary, anecdotal or whatever, and in the face of sheer common sense, for that matter. But here it is in black and white, and from

PENNINGTON



one of the most respected consumer bodies.

The number of mistakes has fallen since last year, a cause for some celebration at the British Bankers' Association, which welcomed the results of the survey. So that's OK, then.

The notion of a trade body "welcoming" the news that only a quarter of its clients are unhappy is one of those strange manglings of the language, rather like a terrorist body "claiming responsibility" for a particular outrage. One might reasonably expect that the widespread job cuts in retail banking over the past couple of years and increasing reliance on computerisation would bring the rate of complaints down rather faster than is actually being achieved. The result of this process should be a reduction in human error and slips of the pen in what are, after all, fairly simple transactions.

The BBA's assertion that many "complaints" (their own weasel-worded inverted commas, please note) could be avoided if customers reported their misgivings early enough will strike a bitter chord with those who had to struggle for years to make the banks accept the reality of phantom cashcard withdrawals. The true picture, as reported by the *Which?* survey, is that one in three customers has complained over the past year. Two-thirds of them did not get the sort of service they might have expected when they did so.

Predictably, the two biggest banks, Barclays and NatWest, came off worse, which says something about market domination and its effect on customer standards.

The BBA says one solution is for customers to take a greater interest in and control over their financial affairs.

Not everyone wants to watch, eagle-eyed, over every simple transaction in and out of their account. In fact, that is what most people pay a bank for.

Sphere of influence

☐ SOMETHING curious is happening in the murky and little-noted world of split-level investment trusts, and there are 4,000 private investors who can do little about it. Gartmore, bidding for part of Sphere Investment Trust, has had to go to the Takeover Panel for its support and a temporary hold on the rival scheme being put together for Sphere by Guinness Flight.

All very technical, no doubt, and of fascination to City insiders alone, but many of those private investors locked into Sphere, which is being wound up this month, were deliberately tempted in some years ago. They have received little guidance now beyond a succession of offer documents written in pure legalese to satisfy the regulators.

Sphere's eventual fate will be settled by Dartmoor, an investment trust, which, through a tangle of holdings, speaks for 69 per cent. This is entirely in order, according to the Byzantine rules that govern investment trusts, however odd it might look in a bid battle between a couple of metal-bashers.

Over the next three to four years, most of the present generation of split-level trusts will come to the end of their ordinary lives, at which stage investors will have to decide what to do. What they will need is clear comparators, where alternative proposals are on the table. Might not the relevant authority, the Takeover Panel, the Stock Exchange or whoever, usefully act in advance of events for once and produce some ground rules now?

Tight schedule

☐ A GAGGLE of analysts to be shown the delights of Ashford signal box next week, ahead of the privatisation of Railtrack, have just received the official invitation for the visit. It is worked out in intricate, not to say military, detail, including half an hour at Victoria Station and 15-minute walks to and from the signal box. Can Railtrack hope to match such precise detail in its other, scheduled operations — or is the company, in the light of the recent shambles over timetables, trying to make a point?

Blenheim's finance director goes

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

BLENHEIM, Europe's biggest exhibitions group, yesterday parted company with its finance director.

The company, which is undergoing a wide-ranging shake-up after over-expansion, said that Christopher Crowcroft was leaving with immediate effect to return to his family accountancy practice. Staffan Svenby, managing director, said: "We are embarking on new challenges and both parties felt that it was time for a change."

Mr Crowcroft said he was not unhappy to go. He will be replaced by John Hunt, who joins from BZW.

The group is concentrating efforts on reshaping its French and US operations which have proved disappointing in the first half. But Mr Svenby said that second-half results from France were on course to compensate for the first half falling behind expectations.

Blenheim, which cut about 150 jobs in the six months to June 30 as the first phase of restructuring and disposal closed, ruled out further job losses. It gave an upbeat forecast for the second half of the year, in which business is traditionally weighted, and for the next two years, which will see the final stage of restructuring. This followed a radical growth programme in the 1980s.

The company expects more improvement than usual in the second half after a number of exhibitions that pay in the latter part of this year.

Interim pre-tax profits fell to £13.1 million, against £19.2 million last time, after the company sustained goodwill write-offs of £1.8 million from the closure of its Japanese operations and £300,000 from the sale of the giftware division in the UK.

Mr Svenby said Blenheim was focusing on organic growth rather than expansion through acquisition.

An increased use of joint venture operations and disposals and altered licensing arrangements in its exhibitions portfolio contributed to the clipping of sales to £92.1 million in the first half from £99.7 million last time. Excluding biennial exhibitions, which distort the trading figures, underlying organic sales rose 7 per cent.

The interim dividend, payable on January 5, has been maintained at 3.5p.

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BA set to challenge lost contract

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

DEUTSCHE BA, British Airways's German affiliate, is considering a legal challenge to a German Government decision to award the lucrative Bonn-Berlin "civil servants shuttle" contract to Lufthansa.

The contract, worth up to DM20 million, is for carrying 95,000 civil servants a year as the main administrative functions are switched from the old west German federal capital on the Rhine to the new pan-German capital on the Spree.

Deutsche BA, which is 49 per cent owned by BA and successfully competed for German postal contracts, put in a bid DM2 million below that of Lufthansa, the German national carrier.

☐ BA said that its paying scheduled passenger traffic in September rose 8.9 per cent, but added that capacity rose only 4.9 per cent to give an overall load factor of 79.4 percent, up 2.9 percentage points from a year ago.

Vodafone in talks on Talkland

VODAFONE, Britain's biggest mobile phone operator, has entered negotiations on the possible aquisition of Talkland, the country's leading independent service supplier for the industry.

Générale des Eaux, the French utility group, has begun talks on the sale of the two-thirds stake it owns in Talkland, to Vodafone, which bought a third of the company in April 1994.

A spokesman for the French company said it would remain a big player in France, but the British market was marked by extremely tough competition, and building market share was very costly.

Talkland has about half a million customers. Last year, it made a £2.4 million operating loss on £211 million turnover.

As an independent service provider, Talkland is not a Vodafone captive, and handles other operators, such as Cellnet and Orange.

Fisons bid revised

THE pharmaceuticals group, Rhône-Poulenc Rorer, that launched a £1.7 billion hostile takeover bid for Fisons in August, is expected today to add about 20p to its 240p offer (Eric Reguly writes).

But Stuart Wallis, Fisons chief executive, is unlikely to recommend the improved offer to the company's shareholders. He has suggested many times that Fisons, best known for its asthma treatments and inhaler devices, is worth as much as 400p a share. The shares closed at 259p, up 2p.

A 260p bid would value Fisons at £1.84 billion; every 5p increase adds £35 million.

RPR, the US subsidiary of Rhône-Poulenc, France's largest drugs and chemicals group, has little choice but to raise its bid having received only 0.25 per cent acceptances. It is understood RPR wanted to add more than 20p to its offer, to deliver a "knock-out" blow, but met resistance from Rhône-Poulenc.

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A mini prospectus relating to the Placing and Offer for Subscription has also been produced and is available as set out below.

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Copies of the Prospectus and the mini prospectus, including Application Forms, can be obtained during normal business hours up to and including 26 October 1995 from the following:

Fleming Investment Trust Management Limited, 25 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7DR Tel: 0171 382 8800

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Application Form

An Application Form in respect of the Offer for Subscription is set out alongside, together with a guide on how to complete it. Completed Application Forms should be returned by post to New Issues Department, Barclays Registrars, PO Box 166, Bourne House, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TH or by hand only to Barclays Registrars, 8 Angel Court, Throgmorton Street, London EC2 or to Robert Fleming & Co. Limited, 25 Copthall Avenue, London EC2, in each case so as to be received by not later than 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 26 October 1995.

APPLICATION FORM

Important – Before completing this form, you should read the accompanying notes.

All applicants must complete sections 1, 2 and 4.

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Title Surname

Forename(s)

A/C Designation (if any)

Telephone (Home) (Business)

Permanent Address

Postcode

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Your application must be for a minimum of 2,000 Conversion Shares.

I/We offer to subscribe for Conversion Shares in The Fleming Japanese Investment Trust plc at 100p per share, subject to the Terms and Conditions of Application set out in the Prospectus and mini prospectus dated 4 October 1995.

I/We attach a cheque or bankers' draft for the amount payable of: £

☐ Pin your cheque or bankers' draft for the exact amount shown in the box above made payable to "Barclays Bank a/c FJIT" and crossed "a/c Payee only".

3. JOINT APPLICANTS

Title Surname Forename(s) Signature

Title Surname Forename(s) Signature

Title Surname Forename(s) Signature

4. SIGNATURE

Signature

Date October 1995

Fleming Japanese Share Plan Account No.: (If applicable) 0 0 3

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Fill in (in block capitals) the full name and address of the applicant.

If this application is being made jointly with other persons, please read Note 3 before completing Box 1.

For company applications, please give the registered name of the company.

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Fill in (in figures) the total amount payable at 100p per Conversion Share.

Pin a cheque or bankers' draft for the exact amount shown in Box 2 to your completed Application Form. Your cheque or bankers' draft must be made payable to "Barclays Bank a/c FJIT" and crossed "a/c Payee only".

Your payment must relate solely to this application. No receipt will be issued.

Your cheque or bankers' draft must be drawn in sterling on an account at a bank branch in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and must bear a United Kingdom bank sort code number in the top right hand corner. If you do not have a cheque account, you can obtain a cheque from your building society or bank branch.

An application may be accompanied by a cheque drawn by someone other than the applicant(s), but any monies returned will be sent by cheque crossed 'a/c Payee only' in favour of the applicant named in Box 1.

Applications with a value of £10,000 or greater which are to be settled by way of third party payment, e.g. bankers' draft, building society cheque or a cheque drawn by someone other than the applicant, will be subject to the verification of identity requirements which are contained in the Money Laundering Regulations 1993. For UK applicants, this may involve verification of names and addresses (only) through a reputable agency. For non-UK applicants, verification of identity may be sought from your bankers or from another reputable institution or professional adviser in the applicant's country of residence.

If satisfactory evidence of identity has not been obtained within a reasonable time, then the transaction shall not proceed any further and the application monies (without interest) will be returned to the bank account on which the cheque was drawn.

Please ensure that you have sufficient funds in your bank account as cheques may be presented immediately.

3. JOINT APPLICANTS

You may apply jointly with up to three other persons. Boxes 1 and 2 must be completed by one applicant. All other persons who wish to join the application must complete and sign Box 3.

Another person may sign on behalf of any joint applicant if that other person is duly authorised to do so under a power of attorney. The power of attorney (or a copy duly certified by a solicitor) must be enclosed for inspection.

Certificates for the New Ordinary Shares and the New Warrants arising on Conversion of Conversion Shares, cheques and other correspondence will be sent to the address in Box 1.

4. SIGNATURE

The applicant named in Box 1 must date and sign Box 4. Please insert your Fleming Share Plan Account number, if applicable.

The Application Form may be signed by another person on your behalf if that person is duly authorised to do so under a power of attorney. The power of attorney (or a copy duly certified by a solicitor) must be attached for inspection.

A company should sign under the hand of a duly authorised official, whose representative capacity must be stated.

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

London shrugs off another weak Wall Street opening

SHARE prices on the London stock market shrugged off the ill effects of another sharp opening fall on Wall Street to close near their best of the day.

Steady support for the December series of the financial future, which closed at 3,576, and persistent speculative buying provided a firm undertone to trading. Despite an opening fall in the Dow Jones average of more than 20 points, the FT-SE 100 index closed just a shade below the high for the day with a rise of 19.9 at 3,544.1. Turnover also grew to 754 million shares.

Institutional investors continued to concentrate on those shares that appear to have been left behind by the market's recent record breaking run. Their attention yesterday focused on **BAT Industries**, which responded with a rise of 15p to 544p on turnover of more than eight million shares.

Vickers stood out with a jump of 17p to 262p as almost 2.5 million shares were traded. ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the company's own broker, was responsible for this latest flurry of activity after reiterating, at its morning meeting, its view that the shares are undervalued.

Hoare Govett was also responsible for the 15p rise to 415p in the price of **Courtaulds** after recommending the shares. Almost two million had changed hands by the close of business.

Granada was another firm market, adding 7p at 654p in the wake of Tuesday's news that Gerry Robinson, chief executive, will be taking over as chairman from Alex Bernstein when he retires next March. UBS, the broker, was said to be pushing the shares.

ScottishPower waded back into the market-place, picking up more shares in Manweb. This time it paid 990p for 5.31 million shares, taking its total holding to 28.25 million, or 26.2 per cent. Scottish Power's offer of £10.04 a share has been labelled as mean by Manweb. The closing date for the offer is on Friday.

Those regional electricity companies (Recs) that have still not received a bid on the table continued to be driven higher. **East Midlands** made all the early running, finishing the session 26p better at 902p, while **London** added 14p at 911p, Yorkshire 19p at 916p, **Seeboard** 10p at 503p, and **South Wales** 7p at 932p. The two English power generators were left nursing some hefty falls as SBC Warburg, the broker, turned seller in an attempt to find a new level for the shares. **PowerGen** finished 11p lower at 543p, while **National Power**, which is currently bidding £2.8 billion for Southern Electricity, dropped 12p to 489p. Professor Stephen Littlechild, the industry regulator, is continuing to urge that the bid is referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. **Southern** finished all square at 964p.

Eurotunnel shed 2p at 95p ahead of interim figures on Friday which are now thought likely to reveal further losses of £450 million. Yesterday the group announced that its Le Shuttle service had consolidated its position, transporting almost 109,000 vehicles through the link during September. But the number of cars using the service had fallen from 145,861 in August to 105,914. The number of coaches continued to grow.

News of a near 9 per cent rise in the number of passengers carried by **British Airways** failed to benefit the share price, which shed 1p to 471p. The number of passengers carried during September grew almost 9 per cent. The group said it had achieved a second quarter scheduled passenger load factor of more than 80 per cent for the first time.

Half-year figures at the lower end of City expectations left **Bank of Scotland** 9p lower at 238p. Pre-tax profits rose 22 per cent to £261.6 million, bolstered by an exceptional profit of £23.6 million relating to the sale of its 50 per cent stake in Halifax Credit. Bad debts during the period fell from £77.9 million to £65.3 million and margins in its lending business also showed much needed improvement.

Hewden-Stuart also dropped 10p to 133p after some cautious comments about current trading. Pre-tax profits in the first six months were up from £16.1 million to £19.7 million.

A fall in sales of womenswear has made a dent in first half profits at **Austin Reed** and is likely to result in a shortfall for the year. Interim pre-tax profits fell £400,000 to £1.4 million and Barry Reed, chairman, says he is cautious about the outcome for the year. The shares ended 3p lighter at 192p.

Blenheim, the exhibitions group, shrugged off a first half setback to finish 16p better at 236p. Pre-tax profits tumbled 30 per cent to £13.1 million. It pegged the dividend at 3.5p.

Shares in **Hunting**, the aviation, defence and oil company, rose 7p to 219p, cheered by an encouraging set of half-year figures showing pre-tax profits up from £13.5 million to £15 million.

Richard Hunting, chairman, said the aviation division was starting to show signs of recovery helped by an improvement in market conditions and recent restructuring.

□ GILT-EDGED: Prices fluctuated in narrow limits for much of the day with investors reluctant to open fresh positions ahead of tomorrow's US jobless numbers.

In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt traded in limits of £106 1/32 to £106 11/32 before settling £⅛ firmer at £106 9/32. Trading conditions were thin and by the close just 30,000 contracts had been completed.

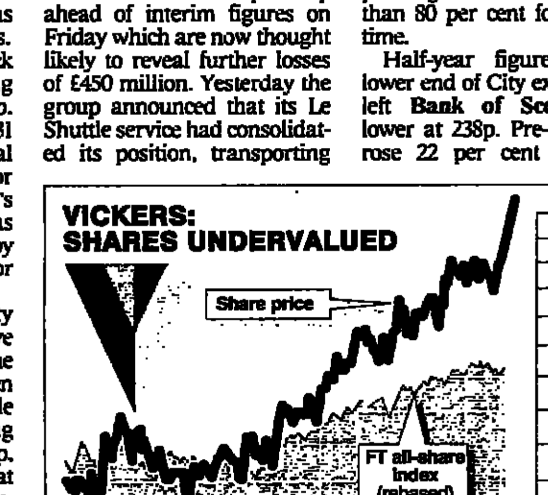
In the cash market, Treasury 8 per cent 2013 put on £9/32 at £98⅛, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was three ticks better at £102⅜.

□ NEW YORK: Concern over low earnings and slower economic growth saw sentiment switch to consumer non-durables on Wall Street. Drugs, tobacco and beverages were favoured. The market remained weak and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 6.50 points lower at 4,743.20.



Hunting up: Richard Hunting and Ken Miller, chief executive

Transport Development Group fell 6½p to 205½p as a large parcel of shares went through the market at a sharp discount. A total of 17.4 million were sold at 180p and later split up into smaller parcels and sold on at 185p. By the close of business more than 33 million shares had changed hands.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 4743.20 (-6.50)
S&P Composite .... 581.89 (-0.45)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 18145.08 (+2.09)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9939.95 (+134.49)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 463.92 (+0.12)

Sydney:
AO .... 2103.40 (-28.60)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2217.76 (+12.74)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2127.72 (+17.32)

Brussels:
General .... 7890.53 (-10.47)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1803.87 (+3.17)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 692.80 (-3.80)

London:
FT 30 .... 2627.3 (+13.6)
FT 100 .... 3544.1 (+19.9)
FT-SE Mid 250 .... 3983.8 (+15.2)
FT-SE-A 350 .... 1770.7 (+9.2)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 .... 1422.98 (+1.50)
FT A All-Share .... 1749.84 (+8.56)
FT Non Financials .... 1873.07 (+9.34)
FT Fixed Interest .... 111.74 (+0.17)
FT Govt Secs .... 93.44 (+0.19)
Bargains 28228
SEAQ Volume 754.2m
USM (Datastrm) .... 180.71 (+2.46)
US$ .... 1.5817 (+0.0012)
German Mark .... 2.2718 (-0.0025)
Exchange Index .... 85.2 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.2073
£:SDR 1.0647
RPI .... 149.9 Aug (3.6%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX .... 148.6 Aug (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Cons Coal (50)	64	- 3
Euro Sales Fin	125	...
Hay & Robertson	39	- 1
Inner Workings	73	...
Mayflower (65)	88	...
Media Business	3½	- ¼
MultiMedia (45)	61	...
Murray Vct	103	...
Omnicare	88	...
Pemberstone	60	...
Pictet British (100)	102	...
Prest Nth End (400)	400	...
SCS Satihe Cms (125)	128	...
Universal Salv (149)	178	...
Upton & Sthn Wts	½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Alumasc n/p (320)	100	+ 1
Anglo-East n/p (105)	16	+ 1
Close Bros n/p (275)	34	...
Forth Ports n/p (490)	103	+ 5
Jhnsn Matt n/p (500)	84	...
RMC n/p (950)	146	- 2

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Pacer Sys .... 125p (+19p)
Blenheim Gp .... 236p (+16p)
JBA Hldgs .... 306p (+19p)
Six Hundred .... 157p (+8p)
Courtaulds .... 415p (+15p)
Hepworth .... 297p (+10p)
McKechnie .... 474p (+13p)
ICI .... 834p (+14p)
Psion .... 593p (+9p)
Gen Accident .... 618p (+9p)
Brake Bros .... 705p (+10p)

FALLS:
Arthur Wood .... 175p (-20p)
Parkland .... 188p (-10p)
Bank Scotland .... 240p (-7p)
Montedison .... 428p (-11¼p)
P & O .... 480p (-10p)
Micro Focus .... 705p (-13p)
Ashtead .... 454p (-7p)
CRA .... 981p (-14p)
Ryl Bnk Scot .... 453p (-6p)
Woodside .... 296p (-6p)
Logica .... 491p (-11p)

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TEMPUS

Scottish knitting puzzles

HAVING built its reputation on thrift and sticking to the knitting, Bank of Scotland is not to be allowed any drift in the all-important ratio of costs to income. At least, that was the message that investors gave to the men on the Mound in Edinburgh yesterday.

In the circumstances, such a parsimonious view of the world seems a little unfair. Yesterday's revelation that costs for the half year had risen 16 per cent over the first six months in the previous year came as a shock to some, causing the share price to dip. However, Bank of Scotland gave some good reasons for the increase and consequential rise in the cost:income ratio to 50.3 per cent.

Bank of Scotland is investing heavily in NWS bank, its consumer loan business, which has taken on an extra 500 staff while stuffy bank branches are being gutted and converted into open-plan. More important, the results are showing through in a way other clearing banks would envy. At a time when banks are desperate to capture new business, Bank of Scotland increased its loan book by 15 per cent. A dropped stitch or two is of less concern than whether the bank has switched to a different knitting pattern with its takeover of BankWest.

Faced with a difficult home market, the Scots have gone abroad but the choice of Western Australia is curious. The local economy, based on natural resources, is volatile. Its relative proximity to South East Asia may bring long-term benefits, but there are few at present.

The Scots reckon they have found kindred spirits in Perth but the Australians could give them a nasty shock.

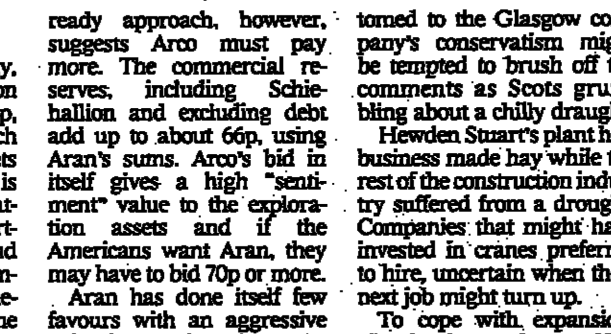
Blenheim

BLENHEIM may be about to be released after several years in the stocks. The company has been forced to pay for a profligate past with some very public hand-wringing combined with a crash diet and the removal of expensive but now unfashionable clothes. In the 1980s, Blenheim's appetite for acquisitions was greater than its ability to digest them, causing investors to cold shoulder a former favourite.

The exhibitions company, which makes a living out of public exposure, drew unwanted attention to its own travails with high-profile boardroom fallings out. However, after 18 months of heavy restructuring, job cuts — including the finance director yesterday — and disposals, Blenheim is starting to deliver results.

Blenheim's profits are normally weighted to the second half and this time should be no exception. A more sharply focused management team is attempting to give the business a keener international profile rather than focus on the UK markets. Emphasis is being placed on expansion in the huge US exhibition market. In keeping with that push, Blenheim has given the board more strength with a new finance director who comes with City nous.

A chastened Blenheim has promised to refrain from impulse shopping and is aiming for organic growth. With signs that it is committed to the new regime, its shares could be back on the shopping list.



Aran Energy

ARAN is a little cheeky, publishing an asset valuation for the company of 106p, almost a third of which comprises exploration assets whose production potential is unproven. Aran argues heatedly that its exploration portfolio is of high quality and that Connemara has commercial reserves. But Connemara has nowhere near the certainty of Schiehallion.

Aran is correct, however, in insisting that Arco is after its exploration assets. For a company of Arco's size, the Irish company's share of Schiehallion is a drop in the ocean, but the battle raises interesting questions about how to value exploration assets.

Typically, such companies are valued at current estimates of net assets, based on commercial reserves, and the market throws in a bit more for exploration potential, largely based on sentiment. Even using such a rough and ready approach, however, suggests Arco must pay more. The commercial reserves, including Schiehallion and excluding debt add up to about 66p, using Aran's sums. Arco's bid in itself gives a high "sentiment" value to the exploration assets and if the Americans want Aran, they may have to bid 70p or more.

Aran has done itself few favours with an aggressive valuation. Using the same discount rate for commercial and exploration assets is generous, to say the least.

The exercise would have looked more credible if Aran had valued the commercial assets alone, leaving the market to put a price on exploration. That is what will happen, however much Aran and Arco protest.

Hewden Stuart

AFTER such a profitable ride through the recession, Hewden Stuart is flagging slower growth. Investors accustomed to the Glasgow company's conservatism might be tempted to brush off the comments as Scots grumbling about a chilly draught.

Hewden Stuart's plant hire business made hay while the rest of the construction industry suffered from a drought. Companies that might have invested in cranes preferred to hire, uncertain when their next job might turn up.

To cope with expansion, Hewden invested some £200 million in new equipment.

Several months ago Hewden shut the capex tap, a sure sign that the company is serious in its concern about demand. The hints are that cash flow — Hewden generated about £46 million before investment last year — may go into acquisitions rather than new plant.

That would be interesting, but if deals fail to flow, Hewden will be under pressure to give back a bit more to investors.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	895-894	Mar	1016-1012
Mar	925-924	May	1030-1027
May	943-942	Jul	unq
Jul	961-960	Sep	----
Sep	978-976		
Dec	998-993	Volume: 10532	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	2374-2373	Jul	2150-2130
Jan	2297-2286	Sep	2120-2090
Mar	2240-2233	Nov	2100-2050
May	2190-2185	Volume: 3336	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	309.5-09.1
Spot: n/a		Oct	284.5-83.5
Dec	333.1-32.9	Dec	282.5-80.5
Mar	317.1-16.5	Mar	281.0-78.1
May	312.5-12.1	Volume: 905	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 3

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	97.70	101.33	124.98
(+/-)	+1.06	-0.88	-2.63
Eng/Wales:	97.61	101.39	124.04
(+/-)	+1.15	-1.10	-2.11
(%)	-19.0	n/c	+2.0
Scotland:	98.62	101.01	128.65
(+/-)	-0.57	+0.30	-3.97
(%)	+16.0	+4.0	-10.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.40	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Nov)	16.05	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Dec)	15.90	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	17.40	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.10	-0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 170 (-1)	O: 172 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	151 (n/c)	152 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Oct	151 (+1)	152 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Nov	152 (n/c)	154 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	82 (-1)	84 (-1)
Naphtha	150 (-1)	152 (-2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Oct	149.25-49.50	Jan	150.50-50.75
Nov	150.25-50.50	Feb	150.00-50.25
Dec	150.50-50.75	Vol: 15460	

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	16.10-16.12	Feb	15.79-15.81
Dec	15.94-15.95	Mar	15.77 SLR
Jan	15.85-15.86	Vol: 21611	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	114.80	Nov	107.75
Jan	117.40	Jan	110.85
Mar	119.35	Mar	112.85
May	121.35	May	115.40
Jul	122.90	Sep	103.50
Volume: 185		Volume: 88	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	272.9	282.2
May	unq	325.0
Jun		360.5
		Volume: 187

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Nov 90.25-90.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 95	1795	1755	1765
Nov 95	1800	1760	1765
Dec 95	1750	1735	1740
Jan 96	1741	1680	1707

Vol: 545 lots Open Interest: 3354
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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2856.0-2857.0	2840.0-2842.0	1492450
Lead ($/tonne)	595.50-596.00	609.00-610.00	207625
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	992.00-992.50	1017.0-1018.0	340875
Tin ($/tonne)	6250.0-6260.0	6260.0-6270.0	26690
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1742.0-1744.0	1775.5-1776.0	1277575
Nickel ($/tonne)	7900.0-7910.0	8045.0-8050.0	101730

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Dom.	500	34	41½	48	0	10½	17
(*532)	550	2½	11	22	19	35½	42½
Argyll	330	14	24½	32	2½	11	15
(*341½)	360	1	10½	18	19½	27	31
ASDA	100	6½	10½	12	1	3½	5
(*105)	110	1½	5½	7	6	8½	10
Boots	550	42½	51	64	0	6	11
(*591)	600	5	20½	33	13½	26	31
Br Airways	460	15	28	41	5½	14	20
(*470)	500	1	10½	22	30½	37½	42
BP	460	23	33	39	1	7½	13
(*481)	500	1½	12½	19	19½	27½	33
Br Steel	180	4	9½	14½	2½	8½	11
(*181)	200	0	3	6½	19	22	23½
C & W	420	10	26	37½	7½	20	24
(*421½)	460	0½	11½	20½	38½	45	48
CU	550	41	57	67	0½	8	17½
(*589)	600	6	26½	37½	15	26½	41
ICI	800	37	60	73	1½	14	26
(*833½)	850	6½	29½	44½	20	34	49½
Kingfishr	500	12	31	43	7	19	30
(*504½)	550	0½	10½	21	45½	50	59
Land Sec	600	17	30½	42½	2½	12½	19
(*613)	650	0½	9	18½	37	43½	47½
M & S	420	11½	23	33	2½	10	15½
(*428½)	460	0	6½	14	31½	35	38½
Nat West	600	28½	49	56	2½	14½	26
(*624)	650	3½	22	30	27½	39	51½
Sainsbury	420	17	28½	36½	1	8	10½
(*434½)	460	1	9½	16½	25½	30	32
Shell	750	13	34	44½	5	12½	23
(*757)	800	0	10½	20½	43	43½	51
Smkl Bch	650	14½	36	48½	8	23	30
(*655½)	700	1	15	25½	44½	52½	58
Storehse	300	5½	14½	20½	5½	12½	16
(*300)	330	0	4	9½	30	32½	35
Trafalgar	25	4	6	8½	0½	4	4½
(*28½)	30	1	3½	6	2½	7	7½
Unilever	1250	23½	52	72½	7	24½	39
(*1263)	1300	3	27	46½	37½	51	65½
Zeneca	1150	27½	80	102½	12	42½	63½
(*1164½)	1200	6	55	77	40½	67½	89
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Grnd Met.	420	26½	34½	42	6½	17½	23
(*435½)	460	11	17½	23½	28	39½	44½
Ladbroke	160	13½	18½	21	1	4	6
(*171)	180	2½	7½	11	10½	13	16
Utd Bisc	280	9	19½	25	10½	16	20
(*280½)	300	3½	11½	16½	24½	28½	32½

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
BAA	500	9½	25	35½	4½	16	20
(*503½)	550	0	7	14½	46½	50	52
Thames W	500	50½	56½	67½	0	7½	11
(*549)	550	10	25½	38½	9½	25	30½
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
BAT Ind	500	46½	60	65½	2½	9½	17½
(*539)	550	13	30½	36½	20	30	40½
BTR	300	30½	37½	40	0½	3	6½
(*327½)	330	7½	17½	20½	8	13	18½
Br Aero	700	62½	93½	93½	6½	18½	26½
(*748½)	750	30	53½	66	23½	37½	47
Br Telcm	390	18	22½	29	4	11½	13½
(*399½)	420	4½	9	14½	21½	29	30½
Cadbury	460	35½	49½	53	1½	7½	13
(*491)	500	8½	24½	29½	19½	22½	31
Guinness	500	26	42	46½	4½	11	18
(*523½)	550	3½	16½	21	33	37½	43½
GEC	330	9	17	23	7	12	15
(*330)	360	1	5½	10½	30	31½	34
Hanson	191	12½	16	—	2	6	—
(*201)	211	2	6½	—	11½	17	—
LASMO	160	10½	17	18½	2½	6	7½
(*167)	180	2½	7½	9½	14	17	18
Lucas	200	7½	14	18	8	13	15
(*202½)	220	1½	7½	10½	23½	26	27½
Pilkingtn	200	13	19½	24½	3	7½	9
(*208½)	220	3½	10	14½	13½	18	19
Prudential	360	19½	30	36	5	10½	18½
(*371)	390	5	14½	21	20	26	34
Redland	360	23	33	41	4	11	18
(*379)	390	7	17½	25	19½	26	33½
R-Royce	180	7	14	17	5½	9	12
(*182)	200	1	6	9	20½	22	24½
Tesco	300	22	29½	35½	2	6	10½
(*317)	330	5	13	18½	15½	20	25
Vodafone	260	13½	21	27½	6½	12	15
(*266)	280	5	12½	17½	17	22½	26
Williams	300	32	39½	43½	0½	2½	5½
(*329½)	330	8½	19	23	7	12	17

FT-SE INDEX (*3542½)

	3400	3450	3500	3550	3600	3650
Calls						
Oct	155½	110	68½	35	14½	4½
Nov	179	138	102	70½	43½	24½
Dec	203½	165½	130	99	73	51
Jan	222½	—	154½	—	99	—
Jun	286	—	221	—	168½	—
Puts						
Oct	4½	7½	16	34	66	110
Nov	15½	25	39½	60	84	117½
Dec	32	43½	58½	77½	103½	133½
Jan	43	—	74½	—	120½	—
Jun	90½	—	123	—	169	—

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	550	28	41½	44	15½	29	34
(*555)	600	9	19	22	47½	59½	63½
Amstrad	240	23	30	36	5½	9	11½
(*256½)	260	11	19½	25	14	18	21
Barclays	700	63	79	89½	7	20	25½
(*746½)	750	29½	47	56	24½	40½	47
Blue Circ	300	24	33	36½	6½	11½	17½
(*313)	330	9	18	21½	21½	26½	33
Br Gas	260	11	16½	19½	7½	10	15
(*266)	280	3	8	11	22	23	27½
Dixons	360	25½	33½	42	9½	17½	20
(*370½)	390	11	19	27	25½	33	35
Forte	240	11½	17½	20½	7½	10	14½
(*244)	260	4½	9	11½	20½	22½	25½
Tarmac	90	7	10	12	5½	7½	9½
(*93)	100	3	5½	7½	11½	13	16
Hillsdwn	160	16	21½	22½	1½	4½	8
(*176)	180	5½	10	11½	10	11½	17½
Lonrho	160	11½	15	19½	5	8½	9½
(*164)	180	3½	6½	10	17½	20	21
Sears	110	6	8½	10	5	5½	7½
(*111)	120	2½	4	5½	11½	11½	13½
Thrn Emi	1450	91½	110½	146	26½	40½	47½
(*1487½)	1500	54	84½	118	48½	62½	69
Tomkins	240	18½	24	29½	4½	8	10½
(*251)	260	8	14	19	14	18	20
TSB	260	35	31	35	4½	10	12½
(*277)	280	12½	19½	24½	12	19	21½
Series		**Oct**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Apr**
Glaxo Well	750	27½	51½	64	4	16½	28
(*772)	800	3½	25	38½	29½	40½	53
HSBC	900	39	74	95½	6	25½	49½
(*930½)	950	12	47	69	28	48½	73½
Reuter	550	14	35½	47½	8	20	29½
(*552½)	600	1½	13½	25½	47½	50	58
Series		**Oct**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Apr**
Royal Ins	330	27½	39	45½	0½	7	15
(*356)	360	7	21	28½	9	19	29
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Fisons	240	22	24½	26½	1½	3	3½
(*258)	260	8	11	13	8½	9½	10½
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Eastern Gp	950	36	39	27½	1	1	1½
(*972½)	1000	1	0	0	27½	31	32½
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Natl Pwr	460	37	46½	54½	6½	10	16
(*489)	500	14½	23½	31½	23	27½	34½
Scot Pwr	330	29½	34	40	5½	9½	10
(*350½)	360	11	17½	23½	16½	22½	23½

October 4, 1995 Tot: 41778 Call: 22987 Put: 1879 FT-SE Call: 4742 Put: 11855
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Dec 95	3552.0	3583.0	3551.0	3575.0	10535
Previous open interest: 64545	Mar 96	3604.0	3604.0	3604.0	3608.0	30
FT-SE 250	Dec 95	4010.0	4010.0	4010.0	4010.0	50
Previous open interest: 3538	Mar 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 95	93.47	93.47	93.43	93.45	9003
Previous open interest: 347480	Mar 96	93.58	93.58	93.51	93.55	11538
	Jun 96	93.53	93.54	93.48	93.52	7672
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 95				94.22	0
Previous open interest: 110	Mar 96				94.39	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 95	96.03	96.04	96.02	96.03	14371
Previous open interest: 737372	Mar 96	96.10	96.10	96.08	96.09	13022
Long Gilt	Dec 95	106-10	106-11	106-01	106-09	30947
Previous open interest: 101363	Mar 96	105-25	105-25	105-25	105-25	32
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 95	122.28	122.43	122.20	122.37	2208
	Mar 96				121.32	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 95	95.59	95.82	95.57	95.75	97753
Previous open interest: 186309	Mar 96	95.15	95.20	95.10	95.18	500
Three month ECU	Dec 95	94.41	94.41	94.38	94.40	776
Previous open interest: 18445	Mar 96	94.50	94.52	94.49	94.50	409
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 95	97.63	97.68	97.61	97.64	3356
Previous open interest: 45315	Mar 96	97.64	97.71	97.64	97.69	1575
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 95	102.00	102.31	101.52	102.03	49290
Previous open interest: 44543	Mar 96				101.73	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¾ Low 6½ Week fixed: [illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 6¾, close 7.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.79	n/a	5.80	5.90	5.80
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	6¼-6	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.30-382.60 Close: $382.60-383.10 High: $382.70-383.20
Low: $381.90-382.40 AM: $382.60 PM: $382.50

Krugerrand: $384.00-386.00 (£242.00-244.00)

Platinum: $414.75 (£262.50) Silver: $5.85 (£3.375) Palladium: $136.50 (£86.40)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 4	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5391-2.5496	2.5391-2.5424	¼-⅛pr	1-1⅛pr
Brussels	46.59-46.84	46.59-46.69	14-7pr	34-24pr
Copenhagen	8.7950-8.8320	8.7950-8.8100	1¼-½pr	2½-1½pr
Dublin	0.9786-0.9819	0.9791-0.9817	10-7pr	22-17pr
Frankfurt	2.2664-2.2770	2.2664-2.2695	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Lisbon	237.22-238.39	237.22-237.87	51-59ds	140-160ds
Madrid	195.80-196.40	195.80-196.09	41-51ds	137-152ds
Milan	2546.70-2558.30	2546.70-2550.80	7-9ds	24-27ds
Montreal	2.1023-2.1109	2.1077-2.1107	0.14-0.04pr	0.20-0.07pr
New York	1.5796-1.5848	1.5838-1.5848	0.14-0.10pr	0.33-0.28pr
Oslo	9.9520-9.9990	9.9520-9.9670	1¼-½pr	3½-2½pr
Paris	7.8330-7.8560	7.8420-7.8560	¼-⅛pr	1½-½pr
Stockholm	10.993-11.028	10.996-11.019	1½-2½ds	5½-7½ds
Tokyo	159.23-159.94	159.28-159.55	1-½pr	2½-2½pr
Vienna	15.960-16.002	15.975-16.002	4½-3pr	10½-9½pr
Zurich	1.8209-1.8354	1.8213-1.8242	½-¼pr	2½-1½pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3089-1.3097
Austria	10.11-10.12
Belgium (Com)	29.53-29.54
Canada	1.3322-1.3327
Denmark	5.5710-5.5740
France	4.9515-4.9545
Germany	1.4355-1.4366
Hong Kong	7.7315-7.325
Ireland	1.6134-1.6154
Italy	1612.80-1614.30
Japan	100.95-101.05
Malaysia	2.5260-2.5270
Netherlands	1.6070-1.6080
Norway	6.3000-6.3030
Portugal	150.22-150.32
Singapore	1.4320-1.4330
Spain	123.97-124.05
Sweden	6.9596-6.9696
Switzerland	1.1535-1.1545

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5807-1.5833
Australia dollar	2.0705-2.0745
Bahrain dinar	0.5895-0.6015
Brazil real*	1.5143-1.5185
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7090-0.7190
Finland markka	6.7450-6.8610
Greece drachma	367.00-374.00
Hong Kong dollar	12.2351-12.2444
India rupee	52.99-53.95
Indonesia rupiah	3546.0-3614.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4690-0.4790
Malaysia ringgit	3.9974-4.0002
New Zealand dollar	2.4002-2.4043
Pakistan rupee	49.88 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6875-5.8115
Singapore dollar	2.2654-2.2684
S Africa rand (com)	5.7340-5.8360
U A E dirham	5.7375-5.8615

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	349	Land Secs	2,700
ASDA Gp	10,000	Legal & Gn	596
Abbey Ntl	3,100	Lloyds Bk	1,700
Allied Dom	1,400	Marks Spr	4,100
Argyll Gp	4,500	Mid Elec	163
Arjo Wggns	873	NatWst Bk	2,100
AB Foods	81	Nat Power	2,400
BAA	3,100	NW Water	588
BAT Inds	8,400	P & O	2,700
BOC	677	Pearson	1,200
BP	3,300	PowerGen	2,400
BSkyB	7,700	Prudential	5,300
BTR	4,100	REXAM	1,300
BT	13,000	RMC	1,400
Bk of Scot	4,700	RTZ	1,500
Barclays	2,000	Rank Org	1,600
Bass	3,100	Reckitt Col	726
Blue Circle	762	Redland	845
Boots	1,800	Reed Intl	557
BAe	2,800	Rentokil	1,300
BA	4,900	Reuters	4,800
Brit Gas	5,800	Rolls Royce	5,800
Brit Steel	8,600	Royal Ins	1,000
Burmah Cstl	288	Ryl Bk Scot	920
Cable Wire	3,400	Sainsbury	4,100
Cadbury	3,300	Schroders	17
Carlton Cms	225	Scot & New	942
Cm Union	981	Scot Power	2,000
Cookson	556	Sears	5,800
Courtaulds	1,900	Svrn Trent	817
De La Rue	192	Shell Trans	3,300
Enterpr Oil	1,500	Siebe	1,300
Fisons	3,000	SmKl Bch	3,200
Forte	2,300	Smith Nph	10,000
GKN	1,700	Sthern Elec	2,600
GRE	1,300	Std Chartd	4,000
GUS	2,400	Sun Allnce	914
Gen Acc	785	TI Gp	836
Gen Elec	9,400	TSB	4,300
Glaxo Well	4,600	Tate & Lyle	1,200
Granada	1,100	Tesco	2,100
Grand Met	4,900	Thames W	828
Guinness	4,100	Thrn EMI	492
HSBC	3,100	Tomkins	3,000
Hanson	6,700	Unilever	1,700
ICI	1,400	Vodafone	6,200
Inchcape	4,400	Whitbread	2,600
Kingfisher	4,500	Wilms Hld	656
LASMO	12,000	Wolseley	777
Ladbroke	2,300	Zeneca	1,800

	Oct 4 midday	Oct 3 close
AMP Inc	37½	37½
AMR Corp	69½	68½
AT & T	64	63½
Abbott Labs	44½	43½
Advanced Micro	27½	29
Aetna Life	71½	71½
Ahmanson (HF)	25½	25½
Air Prod & Chem	51½	51½
Albertson's	33½	33½
Alcan Aluminum	30½	31½
Alco Standard	81½	81½
Allied Signal	42½	43½
Alum Co of Am	50½	50½
Amax Gold Inc	5½	6
Amerada Hess	47½	47½
Amer Brands	42	42½
Amer El Power	36½	36½
Amer Express	43½	43½
Amer Genl Corp	37½	37½
Amer Home Pr	87½	86
Amer Intl	85½	85½
Amer Stores	29½	29½
Ameritech	51½	51½
Amoco	64½	64
Anheuser-Busch	64½	63½
Apple Computer	36½	37½
Archer Daniels	15½	15½
Armco	6½	6½
Armstrng Wrld	54½	54½
Asarco	30½	30½
Ashland Oil	33½	33½
Atl Richfield	106½	105½
Auto Data Pro	68½	68½
Avery Dennison	41½	41
Avon Products	71½	71½
Baker Hughes	20½	20½
Baltim Gas & El	25½	26½
Banc One	37½	37½
BankAmerica	61½	60½
Bank of NY	46½	46½
Bankers Tr NY	68½	69½
Barnett Banks	56½	56½
Bausch & Lomb	38½	38½
Baxter Intl	41½	40½
Bectn Dickinsn	64	63½
Bell Atlantic	61½	61½
Bell Industries	20½	20½
BellSouth	74	73½
Black & Decker	33½	34½
Block (H&R)	37½	37
Boeing	65	65½
Boise Cascade	38½	38½
Bristol Myrs Sq	75½	75½
Browning Ferris	29½	30½
Brunswick	19½	20
Burlington Nthn	72½	72½
CBS	80	80½
CNA Financial	109½	106½
CPC Intl	66½	66½
CSX	81½	83
Campbell Soup	51½	50½
Can Pacific	16½	16½
Cptl Cities ABC	117½	117
Carolina Pwr	33½	33½
Caterpillar	54½	55½
Central & SW	25½	25½
Champion Intl	50½	51½
Chase Manhat	61½	61½
Chemical Bk	60½	61
Chevron Corp	49½	48½
Chrysler	51½	51½
Chubb Corp	94½	95
Cigna Corp	106½	107½
Citicorp	72½	71½
Clorox	69½	70½
Coastal Corp	33½	33½
Coca Cola	71½	70½
Colgate-Palmolive	66½	66½
Columbia Gas	38½	38½
Compaq Comp	46½	47½
Comp Ass Int	38½	39½
Conagra	40½	40
Conrail	67½	68½
Cons Edison	30½	30½
Cons Nat Gas	40½	40½
Cooper Inds	33½	34½
Corning Inc	27½	27½
Crown Cork	38½	39
Dana Corp	28½	27½
Dayton Hudson	73½	74½
Deere	83½	83½
Delta Air Lines	69½	68½
Deluxe Corp	32½	33
Detroit Edison	32½	32½
Digital Equip	44	44½
Dillard Dept St	32	32½
Disney (Walt)	57½	56½
Dominion Res	38½	38½
Donnelley (RR)	38½	39
Dover Corp	37½	37½
Dow Chemical	73½	73½
Dow Jones	36½	37
Dresser	23½	22½
Duke Power	44½	44
Dun & Bradstreet	58½	58½
Du Pont	65½	66
Eastman Kodak	59½	60½
Eaton Corp	51½	52½
Emerson Elec	71½	71½
Engelhard Corp	24½	25½

	Oct 4 midday	Oct 3 close
Enron Corp	34½	34½
Entergy	27½	27½
Ethyl Corp	11½	11½
Exxon	73½	72½
FMC Corp	74½	75
FPL Group	41	41
Federal Express	82½	82½
Fed Nat Mtge	106½	105½
First Chicago	70½	69½
First Interstate	102	100½
First Union Rlty	7½	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	38½	38½
Fluor Corp	57	56½
Ford Motor	30	30½
GTE Corp	37½	38½
Gannett	52½	53½
Gap Inc Del	36	36
Gen Dynamics	53½	53½
Gen Electric	63½	63½
Gen Mills	55½	56½
Gen Motors	44½	45½
Gen Reinsurance	150½	150½
Gen Signal	28½	28½
Genuine Parts	39½	40½
Georgia Pac	84½	85½
Gillette	49	48½
Glaxo Wellc ADR	24½	24½
Goodrich (BF)	61½	62½
Goodyear Tire	38½	39½
Grace (WR)	65½	64½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25	25½
Great Wstn Fin	23½	24
Halliburton	41½	41½
Harcourt General	41½	41½
Heinz (HJ)	46½	46
Hercules	54½	56½
Hershey Foods	66½	65½
Hewlett Packard	81½	83
Hilton Hotels	63½	63½
Home Depot	39½	39½
Homestake Mng	17½	16½
Honeywell	41½	42½
Household Intl	61½	61
Houston Inds	45½	45½
Humana	19½	19½
ITT Corp	120½	121½
Illinois Tool	57½	59½
Illinova	27½	27½
INCO	33½	33
Ingersoll Rand	36½	36½
Inland Steel	22½	22½
Intel Corp	59	59½
IBM	94½	94½
Intl Flav & Fr	48½	48½
Intl Paper	39½	40½
James River Va	31½	31½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	75½	74½
Kellogg	74½	74½
Kerr-McGee	56½	55½
Kimberly-Clark	67½	66½
Kmart	13½	14
Knight-Ridder	57	58½
Lilly (Eli)	91½	90½
Limited Inc	19½	19½
LIN Brdcstng	129½	129½
Lincoln Nat	47	47
Litton	41½	41½
Liz Claiborne	25½	25½
Lockheed Martin	64½	65½
Louisiana Pac	23½	23½
MCI Comm	26	26½
Marriot Int	37	37½
Marsh & McLnn	86½	87
Masco Corp	28	28½
May Dept St	43½	43½
Maytag Corp	17½	17½
McDonalds	39	38½
McDonnell D	77½	80½
McGraw Hill	80½	81
Mead Corp	55½	56½
Medtronic	52	52½
Mellon Bk	46½	45½
Melville Corp	34½	34½
Merck Inc	59½	58
Merrill Lynch	61½	62
Microsoft	87	88½
Minnesota Mine	57	57½
Mobil Corp	101½	99½
Monsanto	98½	99½
Morgan (JP)	77½	78
Motorola Inc	73½	74½
Natl Semi	25	26½
Natl Service Ind	29½	29½
Navistar Int	11½	11½
NBD Bancorp	39½	38½
NY Times A	27½	27½
Newmont Mng	40½	39½
Niag Mohawk	12½	12½
Nike B*	113½	115
NL Industries	16½	16
Noram Energy	8	8½
Nordstrom	40½	41½
Norfolk Sthrn	74½	75
Nthn States Pwr	46½	46½
Norwest Corp	32½	32½
Nynex Corp	47½	47½
Occidental Pet	21½	21½
Ohio Edison	23½	22½
Oracle	38½	38½
Oryx Energy Co	12½	13

	Oct 4 midday	Oct 3 close
Owens Corning	44½	44½
PPG Industries	45	45½
PNC Bank	28½	28½
PP&L Res	23½	23½
Paccar Inc	46½	47½
Pacificorp	19½	19½
Pac Enterprises	25½	25½
Pac Gas & Elect	29½	29½
Pac Telesis	31½	30½
Pall Corp	23	22½
Panhandle East	27½	27½
Pacco Energy	28½	29
Penney (JC)	49½	49½
Pennzoil	44½	44
Pepsico	52½	52
Pfizer	59½	59½
Phelps Dodge	63½	61½
Philip Morris	84½	83½
Phillips Pet	31½	31½
Pitney Bowes	41½	41½
Polaroid	39½	39½
PriceCostco	17½	17½
Procter & Gmbl	78½	78½
Providian	41½	41½
Pub Serv E & G	29½	29½
Quaker Oats	32½	33
Ralston Purina	59	58½
Raychem Corp	49½	45½
Raytheon	85	85½
Reebok Intl	33½	33½
Reynolds Metals	55½	57½
Roadway Srvcs	46½	48½
Rockwell Intl	45½	45½
Rohm & Haas	58½	59½
Royal Dutch	124½	123½
Rubbermaid	27	27
SBC Comuns	54½	54½
Safeco Corp	64½	64½
St Paul's Cos	59	59½
Salomon Inc	37½	38
Sara Lee Corp	29½	29½
Scecorp	17½	17½
Schering Plough	53½	53½
Schlumberger	66½	65½
Scott Paper	48½	48½
Seagram	36½	35½
Sears Roebuck	36	36½
Shell Trans	72	71½
Sherwin Wlms	35	35
Skyline Corp	17½	18
Snap-On-Tools	38½	38½
Southern Co	24	24
Sprint Corp	33½	33½
Stanley Works	43½	43½
Sun Company	26	25½
Sun Microsys	57½	60½
Suntrust	66½	66½
Supervalu	29½	29½
Sysco Corp	27½	27
TRW Inc	72½	73½
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	12½	11½
Tandy Corp	58½	58½
Teledyne	26½	27
Temple Inland	50½	50½
Tenneco	45½	45½
Texaco	65½	64½
Texas Inst	75½	78½
Texas Utilities	35½	35½
Textron	66½	67
Time Warner	38½	39½
Times-Mirror A	29½	29½
Timken	41½	42½
Torchmark	42	42½
Toys R Us	26½	26½
Transamerica	69½	70½
Travelers	52½	52½
Tribune	63½	64
Tyco Labs	61	62½
UST Inc	29½	29½
UAL	168	169½
US Inds	15½	15½
USX Marathon	19½	18½
Unicom	31½	31½
Unilever NV	130	129½
Union Camp	55½	56
Union Carbide	38½	38½
Union Pacific	65½	66
Unisys Corp	7½	7½
USAIR Group	12½	12½
USF&G Corp	18½	19
US Life	29	29½
US West	46½	47½
United Tech	84½	85½
Unocal Corp	28½	28½
Upjohn	43½	44
VF Corp	51	51½
WMX Tech	27	27½
Wal-Mart Stores	24	24½
Warner-Lambert	98½	98½
Wells Fargo	201½	198½
Westinghouse El	15½	15
Weyerhaeuser	45½	45½
Whirlpool	57½	57½
Whitman	20½	20½
Winn Dixie	60½	59½
Woolworth	15½	15½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	49½	49½
Xerox	130½	129½
Yellow Corp	13½	13½

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Wishing he was here

ASIL NADIR — current address *poste restante*, northern Cyprus — can be assured that the boys in blue never stop thinking of him. The Metropolitan Police confirms it has sent a letter to a select band that states "you are a witness in the case of Jason Caradac Davies, Ersin Rustem Tartar and Asil Nadir which refers to theft and false accounting of £150 million from the company known as Pollypeck (*sic*) International". Witnesses are asked to confirm their current address, give a daytime and home telephone number, and to state "when you would be unable to attend court within the next 12 months, should the defendants be arrested during that time". Efforts to have the trio arrested continue, the letter adds.

Timing is all

WANT to know which month to invest in the stock market? Well, October really isn't such a bad month after all, according to David Schwartz, editor of *Schwartz Stock Market Handbook* (Burleigh Publishing, £17.95). His statistics, dating back to 1926, show that 62 per cent of the time, October prices rise. But the month is not without its off days. October 9 is the second worst day of the year — prices rise just 26 per cent of the time. October 10 is the eighth worst day — prices rise 33 per cent. And the crash of '87 was in October. However, at least the year's worst day is now behind us — September 26.



"Eat your BR sandwich before Mr Blair renationalises it"

Buy Japan!

MORGAN GRENFELL is preaching to hungry ears far and wide, even underground at the Aykoku-Kaku, the restaurant that nestles below Cannon Street. There, on Tuesday, the group's investment fund managers launched the Morgan Grenfell Japan Capital Growth Fund. As Steven Bell, chief economist, stuttered through his speech at a rehearsal for the launch, the Japanese manageress stopped rearranging her *Bonsai*, and absorbed the speaker's words. "She was the most captivated audience I've had in a long time," said Bell. "When I finished, she told me that she had decided to buy Japan."

Party time

SPOTTED drifting around at the Labour Party's conference centre yesterday was the tall figure of Tim Melville-Ross, Director-General of the Institute of Directors. Although the IoD is not traditionally Labour's closest ally, Melville-Ross caused a stir in the business world at his own conference in the spring when he told *The Times* that business believed that Labour would win the next general election. So did Melville-Ross's trip to Brighton signify a further move by business towards Labour, after the party's groundbreaking deal with BT on the information superhighway? Simply checking out what was going on, as the IoD does with all the principal political parties, was his view.

COLIN CAMPBELL

ECONOMIC VIEW — ANATOLE KALETSKY



Labour and the political economy of OJ Simpson

Tony Blair's speech to conference found echoes in the Los Angeles trial



The defence conducted by Johnnie Cochrane was a triumph of form over substance



Like OJ Simpson's attorney, Tony Blair shaped his message for the new media age

As you read the above headline you will perhaps be tempted to throw down this paper in disgust: "Even here," you will doubtless think, "in the cloistered calm of what is supposed to be a serious section of a serious paper, he cannot resist jumping onto a sordid, sensational media bandwagon". You will be right: I am jumping onto a bandwagon. But I hope, if you have the patience to read this, you may agree by the end that keeping company with the gentlemen from the tabloids can sometimes have a point.

One overpowering thought struck me as I went home from work on Tuesday evening, having spent the entire afternoon in the unfamiliar occupation of watching live TV. Marshall MacLuhan, the much ridiculed media-guru of the 1960s was right: the world is a "global village"; and in this village the "medium is the message". If those famous McLuhanisms sound like trite cliches, I again plead guilty. But I beg for a little more indulgence to make my point.

I had just spent the first half of Tuesday afternoon watching Tony Blair's long speech to the Labour Party conference, in which he announced that a "New Britain" would be forged in the white heat of a technological revolution. Like many other viewers over forty, I was stunned by the shameless anachronism. This was exactly the same revolution that Harold Wilson (and Marshall McLuhan) had proclaimed 30 years ago. Could Blair have the audacity simply to recycle old Wilsonian slogans, relying on the ignorance of a generation of voters too young to remember how the Wilson Government had failed? Couldn't he see the contradiction between Labour's attacks on privatisation and his boasts about a high-tech deal he had struck with British Telecom, the mother of all "privatised monopolies run by fat cats". Alas, I thought, Blair is no better than any other politician. The Fleet Street adage that nobody ever lost money by underestimating the intelligence of the public, applies to all politicians in spades.

A few minutes after Blair's disappointing speech I switched channels to take my ringside seat at the Los Angeles media circus. The long build-up of juridical clowns and performing monkeys was approaching its climax: it was time for the death-defying finale.

Having lived half my adult years in America, I was as shaken as anyone else by the whole Simpson trial. But on my way home a jigsaw of scattered thoughts began to fall into place. Somehow, the Simpson trial seemed to echo some of the main themes in Blair's speech (and I am not referring to the joke about "no convictions").

The first was obviously the technological revolution. As the public become increasingly obsessed with media and computer literacy, Blair may strike a chord. Perhaps the liberating power of computers really will prove an idea whose time has come. In America, Newt Gingrich has managed to make technology a right-wing issue. Computers and telecoms have been identified with laisser faire economics and social Darwinism, even though they could just as easily be seen as instruments of co-operation and planning. Blair was therefore wise to mount a pre-emptive strike. And judging by the triumph of Simpson's eloquent attorney, Johnnie Cochrane, he also seemed wise in the way he had shaped Labour's message for the new media age.

The Cochrane defence was a triumph of form over substance, of medium over message, of ideology over nitpicking detail. This broad-brush approach is, again, exactly what Gingrich and the American right have employed to outmanoeuvre President Clinton. One has only to marvel at the Republicans' success in cutting the previously untouchable Medicare programme after the abject failure of Clinton's infinitely more sophisticated health reforms, to understand the attractions of Tony avoiding policy details.

But is persuasion in the multi-media age, whether by politicians or lawyers, always just a matter of form over substance? Looking beyond the tragi-comic TV circus, that is not the real message of the Simpson trial.

A direct conflict between the poor and the prosperous can have only one result

The real winners in this case, apart from Mr Simpson and his lawyers, will be precisely the white racists and right-wing ideologues denounced by Johnnie Cochrane. The real losers will be the thousands of black defendants who do not have the benefit of million-dollar lawyers and who face largely white juries. By making race such a central issue, Mr Cochrane has struck a blow *against* the black community and done an enormous favour to the American Right.

The Republicans did not win control of Congress because of their simple message or their media tactics. The main reason for their victory was the substance of their message, which profoundly appealed to millions of white middle and working-class Americans. Their message was that America had turned into a battleground for politicised minority groups. Among these noisy and aggressive special interests only one remained unrepresented in Washington: the white male.

As the other pressure groups have become more strident in demanding their special rights and more paranoid about alleged oppression, the Right has found growing support among the people now known in Washington as the "angry white males".

After the Simpson trial, these people will create a political backlash, not only on the narrow issues of judicial procedures and law enforcement, but across a much broader front of social issues, such as affirmative action and welfare reform. The trial could even have a major impact on next year's presidential election, damaging the chances of such relatively liberal candidates as Bill Clinton and Colin Powell.

To blame (or to credit) this political impact on the media is to miss the point. If this trial changes American politics (which seems distinctly possible), it will be because of the substance, not the form, of Mr Cochrane's defence. That defence claimed that the American legal system is a battlefield between black and white. By doing so, it may have legitimised the idea that politics is becoming a battle between blacks and whites at the ballot box. In any such battle there can be only one outcome. The white majority will win resoundingly and the black minority will lose. The only possible beneficiaries of a straight racial struggle in the black community would be the small number of political and community leaders, including people like Mr Cochrane, who would benefit from the struggle itself.

With that thought, we can cast our minds back to Britain and Tony Blair. Blair's unique contribution to Labour has been to understand that the economic calculus of class struggle produces a similarly dispiriting result for socialists in Britain. Britain is often described as a one-third/two-thirds society: two-thirds of the people are reasonably prosperous, while one third are underpriveleged or poor. Of course the precise numbers are disputable, but what Blair has realised is that on any conceivable definition of Labour's traditional underpriveleged constitutencies, they are outnumbered.

In any such tolerably prosperous society, a direct conflict between the poor and the prosperous can have only one result: the poor will always lose. That is why Blair is determined to appeal to the middle class and even to the rich, with whose aspirations much of the middle class has always identified. That is why Blair, for all his obfuscations, has blown an exhilarating breath of fresh air through left-wing politics in Britain. America's liberal politics, still suffocated by political correctness and still shackled by minority obsessions, is waiting for its Tony Blair.

BT's deal with Labour sends clear message

Unusual pact may prompt businesses to trust Blair, reports **Philip Bassett**

Sir Iain Vallance, BT's chairman, will travel to Brighton today for talks with Tony Blair, the Labour Party leader. Hosting a dinner and a reception, Sir Iain will find himself a feted figure after BT's groundbreaking deal with Labour on the information superhighway.

BT may well find itself a bit less popular at the Conservative Party conference in Blackpool next week after agreeing with Labour free link-ups to its new broadband network in return for regulatory changes to give it greater market access. Because what BT's deal implicitly says is clear: here is one of Britain's biggest companies saying in effect that Labour is going to win the next general election.

Senior BT managers are prepared for political flak from the Conservatives over the company doing a deal with Labour in opposition. "Well, they could have had it," says one senior BT aide, "but they said no. So why should we sit round and see a market disappear for us?"

For BT, the Government said "no" when it refused the telecom company permission to send broadcast and entertainment material, including video on demand, out on its network, and said it would not review that decision until 2001.

> Labour does not regard the deal as altruism on BT's part

Not everyone in Labour is enthusiastic. Tony Lennon, general secretary of Bectu, the broadcasting union, was worried at a fringe meeting in Brighton yesterday about Labour giving too much to BT: "We are concentrating a massive amount of power in one company."

But Mr Blair said yesterday: "We are not giving an advantage to BT at all. What we are saying is that our foremost telecommunications company should not be shut out for a very long period of time from the market they need access to."

What will BT get out of its deal with Labour? Instead of the broadband network being closed to BT until 2002, BT, Mercury and other firms will progressively be able to join the cable companies from 1998, with the market fully open to competition from 2002. What that allows BT to do is to put in place the £16 billion investment in fibre-optic cabling and other equipment in the belief that Labour will be elected and will give it access to the broadband market. BT believes it will then be able to play strongly in that market.

In part, that's because of technological change which increasingly is allowing complex entertainment and other heavy-duty signals to be sent along its current copper-wire network, which reaches about 95 per cent of the UK population on the telephone system, rather than new and special cable, which presently covers only about 9 per cent.

In return, under its deal with Labour, BT will link for free every school, college, hospital and library to the new network. While BT will not disclose the cost, it is not enormous — though it is not insubstantial either. In practice, it won't mean much extra work for BT — simply looping out from the cables already passing the doors of these public institutions.

Labour does not regard the deal as altruism on BT's part. By linking up such public institutions, BT knows that these bodies will generate substantial levels of business, and should lead the expansion of use of the information superhighway, which both it and Labour want eventually to see reaching into every business and every home.

Beyond the details of this particular deal, the arrangement with BT raises a wider and more significant point. Though business and Labour have been drawing together as the election nears, with a marked acceleration in recent weeks, business remains wary about how far to go how fast.

BT's bold deal strides through this wariness, reaching an agreement with Labour not just on the basis that it will be in government — but almost that it already is. That's why Sir Iain will be welcomed in Brighton tonight: that too, of course, is the reason he's going there. Seeing BT's lead, other businesses may well now follow suit.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Taking the up line over the rolling stock of Network SouthCentral

From Mr Graham Eccles

Sir, Network SouthCentral's rolling stock does not, I admit, represent state of the art train technology — but it is certainly not "clapped *out*", as Ross Tieman claimed (Write your ticket and get abroad the real gravy train, *The Times* September 26).

Our trains are reliable, efficient and most important of all, safe. Such a statement, then, grossly misrepresents the expertise of the technicians and engineers who maintain our rolling stock to the highest standards, so ensuring its efficiency and safety.

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Piecemeal remedies not the solution to housing or unemployment

From Mr Maurice Fitzpatrick

Sir, You report (October 3) on calls by two major building societies for assistance to homeowners in the November 1995 Budget. Housing tax relief measures costing perhaps £1bn to £2bn per annum have been mentioned. Such measures might help the housing market, but have to be set against the total value of privately owned housing in the UK of around £1,000bn. It seems hard to believe that relatively minor tax relief measures will have a significant effect on such a huge market.

Meanwhile, Shadow Chancellor Gordon Brown proposes a £1bn package to get young people back to work. Again, this might help, but it has to be set against the size of the economy as a whole. With UK gross domestic product running at around £700bn per annum, £1bn is equivalent to less than the total production on Tuesday morning. Tinkering at the edges of the economy is likely to have less impact than trying to establish economic fundamentals which engender a return of the missing ingredients — confidence.

Yours faithfully,
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Initial stages

From Mr R. Austin

Sir, In considering an appropriate name for a European currency, Standard Monetised International Loan Equivalent should improve the British "feel-good" factor, even if it does nothing for our non-English-speaking neighbours.

So, Smile please, Mr Major.

Yours faithfully,
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	6 months ended 31 August 1995 (unaudited)	6 months ended 31 August 1994 (unaudited)	Year ended 28 February 1995
OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE PROVISIONS	£339.6m	£321.4m	£650.0m
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	£261.6m	£213.2m	£449.7m
TOTAL CAPITAL RESOURCES	£3,105m	£2,534m	£2,731m
TOTAL ASSETS	£36,837m	£31,951m	£34,104m
EARNINGS PER ORDINARY STOCK UNIT	12.6p	10.9p	22.3p
DIVIDEND PER ORDINARY STOCK UNIT	2.45p	2.13p	5.82p

- Pre-tax profit £261.6 million — up 23 per cent
- Net dividend increased by 15.0 per cent
- Tier 1 and Total Capital Ratios are 6.6 per cent and 12.0 per cent respectively (February 1995 – 6.1 per cent and 11.4 per cent respectively)

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Derivatives users given help with risk control

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

USERS of derivatives are being encouraged to improve their management controls in an initiative from the Futures and Options Association.

Michael Jenkins, chairman of the association, said most market participants use derivatives, such as futures, options and swaps, to great effect in managing financial risk but "others have still to learn the importance of establishing and maintaining proper policies, procedures and controls governing their use."

The association has set up an operational-risk review panel to advise derivatives users on improving controls. A panel of experts from leading solicitors, accountants and consultants will provide advice for up to half their normal fees.

Christopher Sharples, the chairman of the Securities and Futures Authority, said that the initiative would do much "to ensure that new and existing users of derivatives can have access to experienced advice when employing these products in the management of financial risk".

Anthony Belchambers, a director of the Futures and Options Association, said the cost of the service would vary according to need, but added that small and medium-sized corporate users of derivative products could enjoy "deep discounts" and pay less than 50 per cent of the cost of professional advice.

He said that normal rates were between £180 and £250 an hour. "We are saying that small and medium-sized corporates needing, say 40 hours work, could pay less than £100 per hour."

☐ THE Bank of England has bowed to pressure from banks and agreed to untangle restrictive rules that have made it difficult for banks to manage effectively their balance sheet assets. Although the securitisation of assets such as mortgages has been acceptable to the Bank, banks say it has been "generally hostile" to the idea of the securitisation of revolving credits such as credit-card debts and overdrafts.

Rules put in place in 1992 limited the total value of securitised revolving credits that could be removed from the balance sheet of a UK bank to 10 per cent of its capital base. This made it uneconomic for small finance houses to securitise them.

The Bank has published proposals to abolish the limit, and is seeking comments by the end of November.

Grampian ahead on all fronts

GRAMPIAN Holdings, the diversified Scottish industrial group, said an improved trading performance across all divisions had been maintained in the third quarter and was ahead of last year (Martin Barrow writes).

In the six months to June 30, the company lifted pre-tax profits to £4.29 million from £3.59 million on turnover of £70.76 million (£65.84 million). The interim dividend is raised to 1.8p a share (1.7p), payable November 14 from earnings of 4.34p a share (3.68p).

The improvement was achieved despite a fall in profits in the pharmaceuticals division to £2.62 million (£3.04 million), reflecting margin pressures in Australia and lower turnover in Germany. Transport contributed £2.2 million, up from £1.55 million, while sporting goods broke even after losing £183,000 last time.

TOM KIDD



Bill Thornton, chairman, left, and Ian Bankier want to increase prices by 25 per cent some time after Christmas

Cautious Hewden up 22%

BY MARTIN BARROW

HEWDEN STUART, Britain's largest plant-hire company, which has so far largely avoided the worst effects of the recession in the building industry, said current trading was below budget and showing a decline against the same time last year.

The company lifted half-year profits to £19.7 million before tax in the period ending July 31 from £16.16 million previously, but the 22 per cent increase represented a deceleration in the rate of growth enjoyed in previous years. Turnover advanced to £141.8 million from £128.02 million, helping to lift operating profits to £20.27 million from £16.4 million.

Sandy Findlay, chairman, said that although all divisions showed progress, there were some areas where demand was not sustained at last year's levels. As a result, it had not been possible to increase certain hire rates to a more satisfactory level.

The interim dividend is increased to 0.75p a share from 0.6875p, payable December 14 from earnings of 5p a share (4.12p). The shares fell 10p to 133p yesterday.

The company has continued investing heavily in plant-hire equipment. Capital expenditure in the first half exceeded £45 million but for the year as a whole is not expected to rise above the total of £66 million in the previous year. The company has invested about £200 million in equipment over the past three years.

BAA near Johannesburg deal

FROM HARVEY ELLIOTT IN SUN CITY, SOUTH AFRICA

BAA, the airports group, is in negotiations with the South African Government to develop, manage and possibly take an equity share in Johannesburg international airport.

Talks are at an advanced stage and if the proposed multimillion-pound deal goes ahead it could give new impetus to BAA's international expansion ambitions. Air travel to and from South Africa is expanding fast and South African Airways itself is buying 12 new Boeing 747-400 jets to help meet the demand.

The airport, formerly known as the Jan Smutts airport, is in need of expansion and refurbishment.

Michael Myburgh, SAA's chief executive, said: "The airport is totally inadequate. The single departure lounge is sprawling and the walk to individual gates can be long and confusing.

"When up to four jumbos arrive early in the morning at the same time it is often impossible to cope with the number of passengers. As an airline we must have an efficient airport from which to operate."

Distiller to raise price of whisky

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

WHISKY prices face a jump next year as the industry mood strengthens to recover margins, Burn Stewart, the distiller, said yesterday.

Ian Bankier, managing director, said attitudes had shifted among whisky producers in a way that would have been unimaginable several months ago at the height of price competition. He said: "There is a growing consensus that the prices currently being charged are just not sustainable."

Burn Stewart is looking to push through rises of about 25 per cent across its range of mature and volume brands, but will not move until well after the Christmas period.

The warning came as the company reported a dip in pre-tax profits to £3.9 million (£4.1 million) in the year to July 2. The previous year's figures included a £300,000 gain from the sale of shares in another distillery. Sales increased 24 per cent to £50.4 million.

The dividend was held for the full year at 5p, with a final of 3.3p due on November 29.

Hunting lifts profit but holds interim

HUNTING, the aviation, defence and oil group, has held the interim dividend at 4p a share in spite of an increase in pre-tax profit to £15 million in the six months to June 30 from £13.5 million previously. Earnings were 5.9p a share, rising from 4.6p. The shares rose 7p to 219p. The aviation division lifted operating profit to £3.3 million from £1.6 million, with an improvement in market conditions and helped by a restructuring completed last year.

Profit from oil advanced to £8.5 million from £7.8 million, helped by improved performance at Hunting Oilfield Services. Defence held profit almost unchanged at £7.2 million (£7.1 million), but received a boost with the Ministry of Defence's award of the Attack Helicopter contract to the Westland consortium, of which Hunting is a member. Gearing of 57 per cent remained similar to that at the last year end. Capital expenditure of £10.7 million in the first half compared with £7.2 million in the 1994 first half.

Usborne reduces losses

USBORNE, the agricultural services and pig production company chaired by Lord Parkinson, reduced losses to £622,000 before tax in the year to June 30 from £13.2 million previously. Gearing was reduced to 47 per cent from 216 per cent, through raising £6 million from a rights issue and disposing of non-core subsidiaries and surplus property. "While all our businesses operate in difficult markets, I expect the current year to show continued improvement," Lord Parkinson said. For the second year investors will not receive a dividend. Losses per share were reduced to 1.78p from 70.14p. The shares were unchanged at 17p.

United Industries soars

UNITED INDUSTRIES said that orders rose encouragingly during the first half, but that, in common with other UK companies, the trend had flattened out. In the half-year to June 30, the company, whose interests include plastics, springs and machinery, lifted pre-tax profits to £1.75 million from £560,000, on turnover that increased to £32.6 million from £23.6 million. Earnings increased to 0.63p a share from 0.36p. The company said that overall margins improved even though suppliers continued to increase prices. The interim dividend is increased to 0.15p a share from 0.10p, due on November 22.

Yorkshire cuts rate

YORKSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY is cutting its mortgage rate and has confirmed that it will not be converting itself into a bank. The rate will fall from 7.99 per cent to 7.85 per cent from November 5 for new and existing borrowers. Derek Roberts, chief executive, said: "We have scrutinised various schemes — including dividends, loyalty bonuses and hybrid forms of capital — but we believe that building society customers want straightforward rates of interest, rates that are transparent, not the promise of a pot of gold at the end of some vague loyalty rainbow."

Fleming seeks £100m

FLEMING'S £500 million Japanese Investment Trust seeks to raise up to £100 million, before expenses, through an issue of "C" or Conversion shares. The trust's director and managers state that current economic and stockmarket conditions in Japan indicate a possible significant recovery in corporate profits and market levels. It is planned to convert the C shares into new ordinary shares, with new warrants attached, from November 9. Applications for the minimum 2,000 shares must be filed by October 26.

ACCOUNTANCY

Perils of electronic revolution

BY ROBIN COOKE-HURLE

On April 6, 1996 the tax system is set to change to one of self-assessment (SA), under which taxpayers determine their own income tax liability and then send a cheque to the Inland Revenue. By contrast, at present, the Revenue assesses liability on the basis of information provided on the tax return and in supporting documents, and then in effect sends a bill.

Many organisations would have been content with simply introducing what one senior tax practitioner has described as the largest change in UK taxation since the introduction of income tax itself. The Inland Revenue's ambitions, however, extend further, with the intention of introducing simultaneously a voluntary service to allow submission of tax returns electronically. There are signs that this service, known as ELS, may be a step too far, and it is not clear what the implications could be for the whole SA project. At the heart of the problem lies the arcane but vital concept of "disclosure", which is the obligation that every taxpayer has to volunteer all relevant information to the Inland Revenue.

During late 1993 and early 1994, an ELS trial of corporation tax returns involving the Inland Revenue, several firms of accountants and two leading taxation software houses showed that the technology needed could operate successfully. However, an ELS corporation tax service was never introduced because a way could not be found to transmit electronically the additional documents needed to support the figures in the corporation tax return: they would still need to be sent by post.

In other words, full disclosure could not be made with an electronic submission, and, in those circumstances, ELS was uneconomic for accountants, because it could not completely replace the existing manual processes.

When the time came to look at self-assessment, a great effort was made by the Inland Revenue to design forms that would be comprehensive and self-contained. There remained though a fear within the accountancy profession that completion of the forms, however carefully, would not always meet the requirements of disclosure. In August, it became clear that these fears were justified when the Inland Revenue's second ELS consultative document explicitly referred to supporting documents being sent separately.

The consultative document goes on to argue that simply sending supporting documents may not of itself always meet the requirements of disclosure, which is a view the accountancy profession would dispute. Clearly though, providing supplementary information is more likely to constitute disclosure than not providing it, so the tendency will be to err on the side of caution, especially as tax practitioners, like all other professionals, have to work in an increasingly litigious climate. It now looks as if ELS for self-assessment may suffer the same fate as it did for corporation tax unless the disclosure requirements are clarified.



The Revenue launched self-assessment with a cartoon taxman

The problem is compounded because almost all the economic benefits of ELS accrue to the Inland Revenue, and the costs fall ultimately on the taxpayer. This is not significantly improved by the Revenue's provisional agreement to provide ELS-specific equipment such as modems and some specialist software, because these concessions simply mitigate costs which which can in any event be avoided by not submitting electronically. A far more encouraging response would be for professional fees incurred by taxpayers under SA to become tax allowable. The cost of such a concession would be limited if the Revenue believed its contention that taxpayers would not need to make increased use of professional advisers in an SA regime.

There is now little time left to develop software for April 1997, when the first SA tax returns will be completed. If the economics of ELS cannot be improved and the disclosure issues are not resolved, companies planning to develop ELS software may put it on ice rather than risk investment in systems that customers may neither buy nor use. The prospect of the tax profession having to cope not only with SA, but also any tax changes that a new government may introduce also adds to the pressure to defer ELS. It is not clear if the Revenue, after its well-publicised staffing reductions, could then cope without ELS servicing some of the expected nine million SA returns, or whether the whole SA project would be jeopardised.

The author is managing director of Taxsoft Ltd, a participant in the ELS trial, and represents the Tax Software Suppliers Association on the ELS Business Forum in negotiations with the Inland Revenue.

The temptations of incorporation

Now that the decision has been taken, will the accounting world be turned upside down as a result? Probably not. At least, not suddenly. The decision by KPMG to incorporate a chunk of its business as KPMG Audit plc is not so startling.

For a start, the company covers only that part of the existing practice which audits publicly quoted companies and regulated entities such as banks and other financial organisations. It is a sizeable chunk, but not even close to being a dominant section of the whole firm.

The significance of the change and demise of the partnership ethos will be seen more in the long term — a long and slow transformation.

Professional firms have traditionally been partnerships. Since the Partnership Act of 1890 they have sheltered behind the secrecy and privacy of the privileges that the law gave them. The downside was that liability was not limited, though that was not an issue until recently. Control is the real issue.

Until the 1970s, partnerships were limited to 20 members. The entire partnerships of the largest firms could meet around a table on a daily basis to discuss their business. Then, gradually, they started to break down.

An organisation like KPMG has 600 partners and controlling them is difficult. The feeling of ownership among partners may be strong, but the argument has been that the partnership ethos made up for this, giving cohesion and a shared purpose that rarely exists on a corporate stage. Once, partnerships were like Lloyds, more or less a guarantee of riches. But then along came litigation.

Now, the negligence writs come crashing through the solid oak doors of the partners' dining room. Some are justified and require a payout, but no one knows if and when something disastrous, which could wipe out the assets of all the partners, is waiting around the corner.

This is a major motivation pushing firms towards incorporation. KPMG's senior partner, Colin Sharman, tends to express the dilemma in the form of a question: "Why should a tax partner in Aberdeen be put on the line for the actions of a partner in Truro?" Sharman would say that is unacceptable.

The knowledge that somewhere in the building there exists a set of working papers which could some day take your house away from you is unsettling. And the best and the brightest want careers in which their skills reap rewards which cannot be taken away because someone else mucks things up.

Incorporation will bring benefits. Colin Sharman's personal preference for submitting to the National Audit Office would change the way in which that organisation, which audits the public sector, is seen. And it could open the door to a change of view on who audits whom and why.

The publication of full figures for the whole firm, while they may be hedged about with quirks and caveats, will transform the way they behave.

It will also add a new twist to the continuing saga of boardroom pay. One of the reasons why incorporation is feasible now is that earnings at the top of the corporate world can now be compared with the remuneration of senior partners.

Ten to 15 years ago this was not so. Then, people in the professions were so far ahead of their clients that revealing figures would have been highly embarrassing. Now they are not so out of kilter and the justifications for the levels of pay will be easier. KPMG is already prepared. The executive remuneration section of a partner's package is already benchmarked against pay in the outside world by Heidrick and Struggles, consultants. Observers assume Sharman to have a total package of around £1 million and the top 30 partners to be on £500,000 each.



ROBERT BRUCE

The eventual appointment of non-executive directors could also transform the controversy about audit. Non-executives on an audit firm's board could command independence. At present, when firms say that they have acted independently and robustly and that there was no problem of a conflict of interests, the profession's critics tend to adopt the attitude, "Well they would say that, wouldn't they?" Powerful non-executives could act as a counterweight, building greater confidence in an auditor's decisions.

In the end, the issue is that of control. Ownership of the firm, the company, will remain with the partners as shareholders, but longer-term career prospects for recruits and access to more short-term solutions will be enhanced by switching to a corporate model.

Incorporation has more to do with the frustrations of running a sprawling modern partnership than any of the other rather more cerebral arguments.



Bhattacharya: first novel

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Words of pure fiction

THE last time Keron Bhattacharya made an appearance on this page, he was writing about the inequities of creative accounting and fictional figures. Now he has focused on fictional figures of a different sort by writing his first novel.

The Pearls of Coromandel, say his publishers, Robert Hale, "is a beautifully crafted novel of love requited and trust cynically confounded set against the sensually vivid background of the Indian subcontinent." It all makes a change from thousands of words about off-balance-sheet financing.

Speedy stuff

THE brave new world of incorporation has brought a promise from the KPMG camp that we will see a set of accounts based on their year ending on September 30 in the early weeks of next year. But this is not terribly quick. Arthur Andersen had their worldwide figures, based on a year ending on August 31, into the hands of their partners by September 19. Presumably the new corporate ethos is slowing everything down.

True, but old

THE new history of Price Waterhouse, *True and Fair* by Edgar Jones, which is to be published tomorrow, reveals startling figures of profit. This is, of course, the first time that a firm has revealed profits rather than turnover. And it is all very much in keeping with these feverish days of speculation over incorporation.

Unfortunately the tables that appear at the back of the book are not as revealing as they might be. They cease at the year 1975.

ROBERT BRUCE

Shares gain across the board

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As Britain's engineers prepare for their annual show next week, **Graham Clayton** introduces a special report on the manufacturing industry

Britain regains an edge

In the past five years, Britain's manufacturing industry has been through a tough time. The experience has been like an old industrial process — tempering metal.

In the first two years of this decade, the going got hot as the forces of recession tightened and output plummeted. In the next two years there was a cooling process in which output got neither worse nor very much better. If this tempering process has worked, manufacturing industry should now have a harder edge. Within that broad picture, the various sectors have had widely differing experiences — as the designers, engineers and managers who will meet in Birmingham next week at Manufacturing Week '95, the industry's main show, are well aware.

One company which knows about the tempering process is GKN, which began manufacturing iron in 1759. It has now become a global engineering manufacturer employing about 35,000 people.

The largest part of its business is making a variety of vehicle components. Unfortunately for GKN, vehicle manufacturing suffered badly in the recession. And as far as the company's UK operations were concerned this meant 4,000 redundancies, many in the Midlands.

A significant factor which helped GKN, however, was demand from Japanese carmakers such as Honda, Nissan and Toyota which have set up in Britain. This, says GKN's chairman, Sir David Lees, has had important results. "The British engineering industry as a whole has benefited from the Japanese disciplines and pressures. Quality is up, cost is down."

This year has brought clear signs of improvement and, to maintain this, says Sir David, three things are needed. By far the most important is economic stability: second comes inward investment and finally education and training.

Alec Daly, Deputy Director General of the CBI, says companies generally responded to the recession by cutting costs and workers. "They are realising that this business of continuous improvement means what it says. There will have to be a culture in British industry of getting more and more efficient."

While output fell in the automotive industry, areas such as electronics and computers managed an increase. These, of course, are younger and more flexible industries well used to the pressures of rapid change generated by constantly evolving technology.

It is less easy to determine the recession's effects on the computer industry because at least three other factors have been involved. First, there is overcapacity: secondly, putting more and more features into a microchip has meant less production-line work. Thirdly, work continues to go overseas, where labour costs are lower.

Ninian Eadie, group executive director at ICL, says that although personal-computer production has increased at 15 per cent or more a year for the past five years, the quantity of work involved has been falling. This is where flexibility and quick thinking have come in, and old ideas, such as not talking to competitors, have been abandoned.

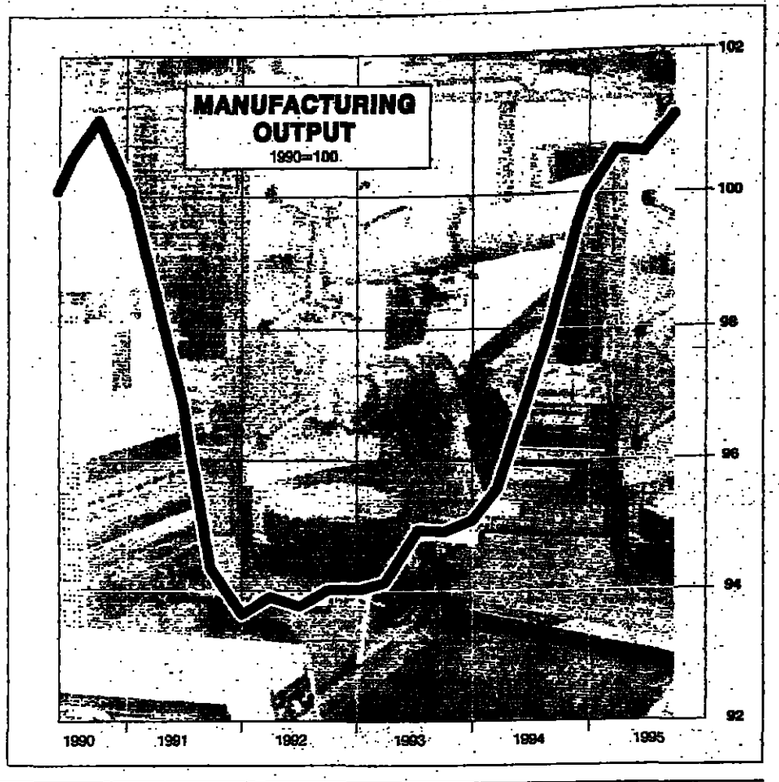
"We set out in our UK manufacturing operation to turn our in-house manufacturing plant into a contract electronics manufacturing plant. We have moved from the position where all the work was for ICL, to a position where now less than half the work is for ICL, and in two years' time we aim to be in a position where 80 per cent of the work is not for ICL.

"By that strategy we have managed in our manufacturing plants at Kidsgrove and Ashton to get enough external work that we have not had to downsize those plants."

At the CBI, Mr Daly emphasises the value of inward investment and points out that Britain has a natural advantage; the use of English, the world's business language. "This is one reason, among many, why we attract a far higher proportion of inward investment. There have been 434 inward investment projects in the last year and that has generated something like 37,000 new jobs. That says: 'Look, there is a lot right with us'."

There is general agreement that Britain's manufacturing industry now has a harder edge to it. However, it does not mean that all the suffering is over. "Overall, the IT industry bears an awful resemblance to the airline industry," Mr Eadie says.

"If you add up all the profits across the industry it is not clear that it has made any money for the last five years. It is intensely competitive, moving very fast, still undergoing price and margin erosion and overdue for a shakeout."



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Yes, but can it recycle itself?

The rule is: you made it, now help to rid us of it, says **Nick Nuttall**

Manufacturing industry is coming under increasing pressure to tackle environmental issues which could spell the difference between blossoming in world markets or going under.

Many companies have been forced by increasingly tight national and European legislation to reduce air, river and land pollution, but new pressures are emerging, mirroring developments in other business realms.

According to Loughborough University's Professor David Williams, a fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, recycling of electrical goods has become one of the hottest topics driven by United States and European Commission concerns. Equipment such as telephones, personal computers, and television sets were once a small part of society's waste-stream. But as prices fall and demand soars there is growing concern over what to do with the welter of materials inside these devices.

The European Commission estimates that there are now around six million tonnes a year of end-of-life electronics equipment in Europe. Professor Williams says that some companies are recycling silicon chips from computers for use in games, and there is some scope for selling on some products to Eastern Europe or the developing world. But he says that the turnover in new technology is so fast that such markets are unlikely to be able to soak up the volume of waste goods. In America there is also pressure mounting for lead and tin-based solder to be replaced because of the health hazards when goods are scrapped.

> 'You cannot just manufacture your product, sell it and then forget it'

Some manufacturing companies, such as the personal-computer companies in Scotland's "silicon glen", are now trying to redesign goods to make them easier to recycle. Professor Williams says that while this is technically feasible, some research indicates that consumers are not prepared to pay the cost of these green improvements.

But Claire Craig, head of environment at the Confederation of British Industry, believes that "producer responsibility" is becoming unstoppable. "There is a growing sense that, whether it be cars, batteries or electronics, you will have to think through the environmental impact even when the product is out of your control. You cannot just manufacture, sell it and forget."

The packaging used in all goods is now subject to a special EC directive, and ways for recovering it are being discussed between Government and industry. The landfill tax, announced by the Chancellor in the last budget, will increase the pressure to manufacture recyclable goods by increasing the cost of disposing of goods in holes in the ground.

Ms Craig also believes that, to keep customers and develop new markets, companies will have to subject themselves to independent scrutiny. Two schemes are now available which bring in verifiers to check a manufacturing company's green performance: a British Standard 7750 and a new European Commission-inspired green audit scheme called EMAS.

On the October 9, the Environment Secretary, John Gummer, will present awards to the first five sites in Britain to win EMAS registration. These include Akzo Nobel, the chemical company, in Gillingham; Ciba Clayton, the dye and chemical manufacturer in Manchester, and Design to Distribution, which makes printed circuit boards in Kidsgrove.

The companies recognise the public relations benefits of these stamps of approval but have also saved money and helped to prioritise pollution cuts.

Ciba Clayton has, through the scheme, helped to pinpoint its biggest emissions of polluting ammonical nitrogen. It plans to tackle these first, so it can stay within its discharge limits set by government regulators, rather than tackle all the emissions at once.

Whether smaller manufacturing firms will be able to afford such green audit schemes remains to be seen. But Ms Craig believes that banks and other lenders will also add to the pressure on manufacturing companies to get these green registrations.

Pointing to a quality stamp of approval might help to reduce the media and community damage after an accident, spill or illegal discharge.

Peter Pugh, of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, believes that Britain should not move unilaterally, and that Europe should be cautious in the face of an increasingly competitive world.

"There is no point in the foundries in the West Midlands being the cleanest, only to discover that Morocco has dirty foundries which are producing castings at half the price," he says.

Smelling a winner

THE Aromascanner — said to be the first machine capable of producing an accurate digital fingerprint of a smell — is among the shortlists for the Manufacturing Industry Awards, to be presented at Manufacturing Week 95 next week. Britain's largest manufacturing event opens at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, next Tuesday (free tickets are available on 0181-984 7733) for three days. The exhibition attracts engineers and technical managers across all industry sectors, including aerospace, construction, energy, food, metals and pharmaceuticals. More than 500 companies will be exhibiting.

Straight from computer to customer

John Stansell on a technique that gives instant prototypes

A NOVEL technology that is sweeping through the once moribund world of manufacturing is revitalising companies from the massive to the tiny, saving costs and delivering new jobs. It is called Rapid Prototyping and Tooling (RP&T), and allows companies to create an exact facsimile of a new product directly from computer-design data, without the costs and production times normally associated with prototypes.

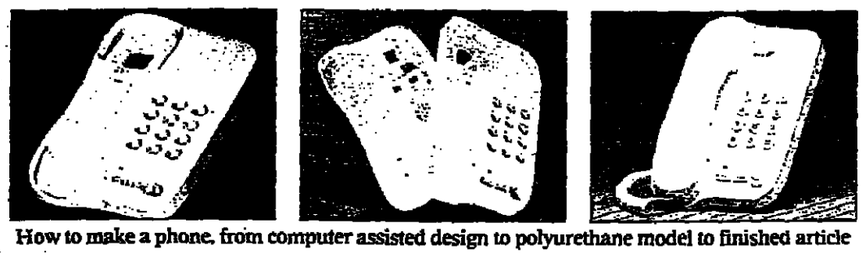
Conceived ten years ago by the California-based company 3-D Systems, the term rapid prototyping is actually something of a misnomer. A better description of the technology is rapid modelling or the rather more formal "Free Form Manufacturing" (FFM). In essence RP&T machines can create, in less than 30 per cent of the time a human would take, a precise model of a three-dimensional object, whose external and internal dimensions, fixing points, shapes, features, apertures and colours have been created on a computer by a designer.

Even more important is that the shapes thus created can be directly employed to make tools so that actual products in the chosen material (metals, alloys or plastics) can be made faster and cheaper than by conventional methods.

But there is another advantage — the ability to minimise the risk that new products will be ready when they are needed. Tim Plunkett, of Formation Engineering Services, describes how the rapid prototyping of a new cellular telephone cost his client £6,000 but saved it in the region of £750,000 by making sure the product was right and was on sale in time to beat the competition.

There are five main commercial RP&T systems, and many more waiting in the wings, says David Wimpenny, manager of the group at Warwick University's Advanced Technology Centre which researches and applies the process to manufacturing projects. The leader, both in its level of development and market share, is 3D System's "stereolithography apparatus", or SLA. In this, the computer-aided design information is used to drive an automated machine in which a laser progressively solidifies layers of resin within a tank, to create the desired shape. There is virtually no waste, and three of the other main systems are based on this concept.

The other key technology is Laminated Object Manufacture (LOM) from Helisys of California. In this process, paper sheets impregnated with resin are moved across a heated table, so that they bond together into a multilayer solid, and then a laser is used to "machine" away the unwanted material. Other key systems are Fused Deposition Modelling (FDM) from Stratasys of Minnesota, Selective Laser Sintering (SLS) from Texas-based DTM Corporation, and SLA and SLS derived systems from EOS of Germany.



How to make a phone, from computer assisted design to polyurethane model to finished article

These models are used in a number of different ways. Some are "dressed", polished or painted to look like the real thing. Some are used to make moulds from which metallic parts or plastic components can be created.

RP&T systems often costing upwards of £250,000, so only large firms such as Rover and IBM normally own their systems. Smaller firms can use "service bureaux" such as Formation, Amsys, ARRK, Umak and IMI Rapid Prototyping, or university-based commercial units.

Mr Wimpenny says that the rate at which British firms are adopting RP&T is accelerating fast, with about 100 already committed and many more monitoring its potential usefulness.

● Taking its place alongside the rapid prototyping section at Manufacturing Week 95 at Birmingham next week will be the Robot Village. According to the British Robotics Association, there are now nearly 700,000 industrial robots in use in industry across the world today. The dominant user is Japan, with about 350,000: America has nearly 50,000, and the UK is a growing user with about 10,000. The main motive for any company using industrial robots is to boost productivity, says Bob Lloyd, chairman of the BRA, but there are important associated benefits in flexibility, consistency of output and reliability.

"Europe has gone mad on robots" over the past two years, says Mr Lloyd, effectively doubling the rate it is installing new machines. In Britain, the message is still being understood more slowly than in other countries, but the development of new market sectors such as food packaging and handling is beginning to turn the tide.

Scotch dispels export gloom

Whisky sales abroad provide much-needed cheer, says **Ronald Faux**

Exports have been the backbone of British manufacturing industry for the past two years, with engineering firms selling more of their goods to foreign markets than they have been able to sell at home. Industrial leaders see this as a triumph for British quality and design excellence.

The question that casts the first hint of gloom over an impressive success is whether, as recent surveys and forecasts could suggest, the export-led boom has come to an end. The CBI reported this month that demand for British exports was at its weakest level for more than a year, and data published this week by the Central Statistical Office showed the trade gap with the rest of the world soaring to the highest level for almost three years — £1.106 billion in July, up from £868 million in June.

Critics of the Government's efforts to improve the balance of trade bemoan the fact that the deficit should reach £2.9 billion in the three months to July, when circumstances should favour exporters. The CBI trends inquiry found that only 25 per cent of manufacturers thought their order books were above normal in September, while 23 per cent thought they had fallen.

Nonetheless, manufacturers still held to a general confident belief that output would continue to expand over the next four months.

Figures for manufacturing output in August are to be released tomorrow, and are expected to bounce back from July's surprising 0.4 per cent drop, growing by 0.4 per cent. Total industrial production, which rose by 0.3 per cent in July, is expected to have increased by the same amount in August.

Sudhir Jumankar, the CBI's associate director of economic analysis, counsels caution before reaching too many gloomy conclusions. It was necessary, he says, to await next month's industrial trends before any clear indication emerged to suggest that manufacturers were meeting demand "from the shelf" rather than from maintained levels of production.

One of the more hopeful indicators to emerge from the British economy came in the record exports achieved by scotch whisky. Shipments to the EU rose by 5 per cent to 40.8 million litres of pure alcohol, and to other regions by 6 per cent to 69.8 million litres. Markets in the developing world, including Latin America and the Far East, accounted for much of the growth.

More generally, analysts remain sanguine about the prospects for British exporters. The CBI pointed out that any levelling off in export growth had been matched by slower import growth. One benefit of the 1992 depression and departure from the ERM had been to allow British companies to capitalise on a favourable trading position without triggering inflation. Many UK companies continue to report export success by serving the expanding Far Eastern markets. David Botterrill, chief executive of the Birmingham Engineering Employers' Federation, insisted that exports were certainly not "falling off a cliff". The latest movements were merely the usual ebb and flow of the market.

UK engineering exports grew by 20 per cent last year, double the general UK export growth, although UK performance still lagged behind a significant number of competitors. Around two-fifths of UK manufacturing exports are produced by foreign-owned companies and, largely as a result of foreign investment, the UK runs a trade surplus in computers and televisions.

Rolls Royce, in the top ten of British exporters, now sends three-quarters of its annual £3.2 billion sales of aerospace and industrial power plants abroad. The Trent aero engine, the largest Rolls Royce unit, has been adapted as a 50mw power generator, widening the company's product range. The export thrust aims to give Rolls Royce one third of the world market for commercial engines by the turn of the century. Rolls Royce faces stern competition, however, from America and France, which both benefit, according to the British company, from state-sponsored research programmes.

In an attempt to promote an export ethos among companies that could sell their goods abroad but choose not to, the Government is increasing the funding available to the Business Link network of advice centres for export promotion.

PETER TRIEVNOR



Rebecca Richardson (above), a production shift manager at Gillette's factory in Isleworth, west London, has been helping to oversee the company's change to a quality audit system. Her shift of 45 operators and mechanics has been learning to monitor the quality of the millions of razors they make each year — "all part of a drive to involve the employees in new technology and business skills", she says.

Quality comes at a price

Tony Dawe on the problems of attaining the award standard

One of the biggest and most controversial growth areas in manufacturing at present is the obtaining of quality standards. More than 44,000 British companies, 15,000 more than a year ago, have earned the seal of approval, which was formally known as BS5750 and now bears the international code, ISO 9000.

Awarded in recognition of consistent quality management procedures, the standard should ensure that errors do not occur during the manufacturing process, rather than relying on checks for faults at the end of it.

But the standard continues to attract criticism from small businesses which complain that it is too costly and cumbersome. Management consultants also argue that many larger companies rely too heavily on meeting standards rather than constantly improving the design and quality of their products and services.

The problem with the standard, according to the Forum of Private Business, which represents 23,000 small businesses, is that it was created for large companies but is increasingly being applied to small enterprises, where it is "the wrong tool".

"As a result," says Stan Mendham, the forum's chief executive, "the formality of the management control procedures imposed by ISO 9000 clashes with the culture and informality of the personally-managed small firm and does not necessarily improve it."

One company which applied for the standard but pulled out after spending £2,000 is B&Z Metalcraft, of Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, which makes sheet metal parts for supermarket checkouts and wheelchairs. Neville Brown, a partner, discovered that following the required procedures would slow down production and require an extra full-time worker for monitoring.

Garry Sutton, head of research and development at Peter Chadwick, the management consultancy, says: "Quality assurance is essential in any organisation but satisfying standards must not become the 'be all and end all'. The standard measures what you are doing; it has nothing to do with how innovative your procedures are."

Shop around for the money

Seek grants, switch banks and try factoring, says **Rodney Hobson**

Nothing comes on a plate. Manufacturers should have learnt that lesson during the recession, yet many companies fail to look around for alternative sources of finance and government grants can go begging.

Ralph Holland, managing director of IAC Plastics at Burnley, Lancashire, prefers like many businessmen to stick to the form of finance he is most comfortable with, in his case hire purchase provided through a bank. But he is not passive.

He says: "We shop around to get the best interest rates. In the past 17 years we have used four different finance houses."

For a small company such as IAC, a maker of precision plastic components that employs 23 people and has just hit annual turnover of £1 million, obtaining better borrowing terms is well worth the effort.

Like many manufacturers, it must splash out on the latest, expensive machinery. It has also updated its computer software with new design and management systems.

Mr Holland has been prepared to switch banks, ending a 17-year relationship with Royal Bank of Scotland by taking the account to Yorkshire Bank last year because it offered better terms.

Borrowing from the bank is still the most popular form of raising finance. Hire purchase and asset leasing comes a poor second, even in manufacturing where these forms of financing are generally more suitable than in service industries.

Factoring and invoice discounting, although growing at more than 20 per cent a year, are still often treated with suspicion.

David Kilburn, marketing manager at Lombard NatWest, says: "Manufacturing companies have got all the expenses such as stock, machinery and buildings and they have to wait for payment. As a result, as soon as they expand, their needs tend to outstrip the finance that the high street bank is able to provide."

Mr Kilburn says the factoring sector's message is gradually coming across, though. He estimates that nearly half of the £14 billion that factors and invoice discounters provided in the first half of this year went to manufacturing. That means that nearly 5,000 manufacturing companies now use this form of finance.

Venture capital providers have also met resistance, with business owners reluctant to concede a stake and a seat on the board to outsiders. The British Venture Capital Association reckons about a quarter of the £2 billion that its members invested last year went into the industrial sector.

Manufacturers often miss out on grants that are available through the Department of Trade and Industry or the Eruopean Union.

PI Castings of Altrincham, Cheshire, has exhibited in France, Germany and Israel and received financial help. But Ian Cookson, sales manager, says: "Do not expect to be told of the grants. It is up to manufacturers to find out for themselves."

Information on grants is available from local authorities, the DTI says. Banks' business advisers should also be clued up on grants.

Mr Holland says: "The DTI sends out leaflets but companies often do not realise that they are eligible. There is some red tape but it is worth applying. After we had obtained a couple of grants we found we were on the DTI's books and they knew what we wanted."

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UK Emerging Cos	68.71	72.12	-0.05	1.72
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Pacific Sits	136.73	145.45	+2.97	0.30
UK General #	[illegible]	83.33	-0.23	3.19
-do- Accum #	98.94	104.60	-0.24	3.19
Japan	53.29	61.78	-0.52	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	58.06	61.62	-0.31	8.61
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Chart Cens Gilt	56.10	56.95	-0.18	6.35
C'S UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 237 5060				
Environ	170.30	181.20	-0.40	1.67
UK Growth	183.70	195.60	-0.50	2.75
UK Income	138.10	147.09	-0.50	4.39
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 652 100				
Can Gen Dist	202.20	221.10	-1.60	1.79
-do- Income Dist	116.60	123.96	-0.30	4.05
-do- Accum	355.50	381.10	-0.30	4.05
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.22	42.69	-0.24	6.38
Growth Units	219.50	235.20	-0.30	2.14
Bond	171.10	180.20	-0.96	6.47
Intl Growth	221.80	239.10	-1.70	0.42
North American	218.30	227.30	-1.20	0.32
Far East	278.40	303.50	-1.50	1.09
UK Smaller Cos	199.70	209.30		1.54
European	59.16	62.94	-0.18	0.61
Japanese Growth	44.90	47.79	-0.29	
High Income	199.80	213.70	-0.40	4.02
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7456				
American & Gen	176.70	188.00	+1.29	
European Inc	82.21	87.55	-0.90	1.21
Smaller Cos (4-5)	91.27	97.10	+0.07	1.64
Growth	472.46	502.60	-0.80	1.96
Income & Growth #	432.90	461.65	-1.60	3.90
-do- Accum #	631.30	672.30	-2.40	3.90
Japan & Gen	66.34	70.41	-0.76	
Master Portfolio	[illegible]	[illegible]	+46.00	2.33
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	-36.00	2.33
Special Sits	116.60	117.76	-0.20	1.95
High Yield	514.20	514.64	-5.00	4.31

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	90.52	96.61		2.65
American Portfolio	104.38	110.90		1.80
European Portfolio	112.59	119.97		0.56
High Income	50.54	50.89		8.00
Japanese Portfolio	84.19	88.29	-0.48	...
Pacific Portfolio	142.63	153.37	-0.91	1.46
UK Inc & Growth	82.99	88.90		3.06
Utility & Bond	58.86	59.32	..	6.47
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0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	709.47	720.19	-0.64	4.42
Fxd Int Sec	152.85	153.47	-0.62	9.38
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	699.14	709.70	-11.55	4.45
Investment Acc	2300.43	2330.89	-48.51	
Fixed Int Inc	125.98	126.48	-1.86	9.09
Fixed Int Acc	204.66	205.68	-3.08	
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
0171 837 7667				
Intl Growth	120.47	130.41	-1.96	
UK Income	111.61	121.33	-0.13	6.23
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Bedlam Inv	85.12	89.85	-0.11	2.70
Back Bio-Tech	38.70	42.63		
Apps Edcucal Tst	158.49	166.43		0.74
City Fin Assets	73.54	77.22		1.76
City Fin America	95.04	99.80	-2.92	
City Fin Intl	81.34	85.41	-0.46	1.37
City Fin Japan	145.95	153.28	-1.44	
Friars Hse Cap	282.57	305.92		2.39
Friars Hse Inc	196.06	212.67		3.86
Stockley Wrld Gth	133.72	141.74	-0.48	
Falcon Cap Gth	141.16	150.70		
Fairmount Inc	152.60	163.40		
J Sal Inc/Gth Inc	54.89	58.47		2.64
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	56.15	59.58	+0.28	.
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	72.08	77.09	+0.16	
Atlas Mngd Gwth	39.42	42.65	-0.37	0.73
Dragon Growth	67.27	71.94	+0.96	0.90
Equity High Inc	88.88	93.04	+0.45	4.00
-do- Accum	120.60	129.17	+0.61	4.00
Extra Income Inc	25.79	27.16	-0.07	7.62
Extra Income Acc	26.82	28.25	-0.08	7.62
European Gwth	54.96	58.47	+0.44	1.22
Evergreen	28.07	30.02	-0.26	
General Equity	91.80	97.40	+0.24	2.95
Japan Growth	49.06	52.47	+0.55	
Pedigree Gwth	55.22	59.26	-0.18	2.64
Pedi Smr Cos Inc	32.82	34.92		1.61
-do- Accum	34.35	36.54		1.61
Retirement Inc #	26.76	28.47	-0.13	5.57
Special Sits	41.42	44.06	+0.11	2.16
UK & Overseas	52.87	56.35	+0.38	1.29
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Capital	73.13	76.17	-0.17	2.00
Balanced	64.41	68.40	-0.20	4.23
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	166.57	177.20	+0.30	4.94
Fixed & Convertible	39.43	41.95	-0.02	6.94
Monthly Inc Plus	48.37	51.46	-0.13	8.71
Preference Share	45.56	48.47	-0.03	8.07
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	125.82	133.85	-0.42	6.07
Managed Fund	70.53	75.03	-0.34	3.10
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	42.51	45.22		1.80
-do- Accum	49.48	52.64		1.80
UK A General	86.06	91.35	+0.17	2.78
-do- Accum	110.43	117.48	+0.22	2.78
UK Growth	159.83	170.03	-0.23	2.38
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	192.47	204.76	-1.54	0.12
Far Eastern Grth	126.62	134.70	-1.72	
Global Bond	80.01	85.02	-0.64	6.30
Japan Growth	111.11	118.20	-2.07	
North Amer Gth	190.64	202.81	-1.17	
Oriental Growth	77.50	82.45	-1.05	0.07
Worldwide Growth	67.42	71.73	-0.59	0.07
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.47	91.47	+0.01	6.11
Horizon Fund	85.41	90.86	-0.12	1.66
Quilter Fund	141.72	150.77	-0.50	2.02
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	32.21	34.45		3.45
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	171.70	182.70	+0.60	1.36
Income	72.44	77.06	-0.47	5.53
European	65.34	68.51	-0.25	1.13
Recovery	171.90	182.90	+0.20	1.97
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	865.80	899.90		3.50
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	89.96	95.72	+0.31	1.20
Income #	263.60	280.40	+1.10	4.21
-do- Accum #	662.60	704.80	+2.60	4.21
Smaller Cos	193.80	206.10	+0.40	0.95
-do- Accum	238.50	253.70	+0.60	0.95
Inv Portfolio	88.14	93.78	+0.12	1.42
High Inc Port #	75.99	80.83	-0.27	4.41
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1587.90	1626.10		
Japan Small Cos	1091.80	1113.60		
UK Small Cos	1927.10	2007.00		
US Small Cos	1898.70	1937.60		
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	220.80	232.40		2.77
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	293.70	310.30	+3.70	0.68
New Asia	217.90	231.80	+3.60	0.15
Japan Growth	111.00	117.90	+1.20	
Jap Smlr Cos	431.50	457.60	+4.40	
Nth Amer	321.20	339.80	+0.40	0.86
UK Inc & Grth	228.50	244.10	+0.30	2.73
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	153.40	163.10	+0.90	1.64
UK High Inc Inc	162.10	172.40	+0.80	4.18
-do- Accum	211.60	225.10	+1.10	4.18
UK Pref & F I Inc	58.48	62.02	-0.78	5.05
Envirnmtl Opps	93.97	99.96	-0.04	0.94
UK Smlr Cos #	59.43	63.22	+0.02	0.01
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	143.10	152.00	-0.90	1.15
Convertibles #	21.39	22.73	-0.06	6.16
Equity Income #	133.90	142.38	+0.60	3.72
EuroFund	49.72	52.68	-0.39	0.38
Financial	48.35	51.38	-0.26	1.46
Growth & Inc #	255.20	271.20	-1.50	2.84
High Dist #	165.90	176.30	-0.50	4.25
International	394.60	419.30	-2.20	0.12
Inv Cap Inc	96.37	102.90	-0.70	2.67
Latin American	26.25	27.89	-0.10	
Pacific	79.49	84.46	-0.68	
Fxd High Inc	21.43	22.77	-0.04	7.25
Tokyo	216.90	230.10	-1.90	
UK Smaller Cos	250.10	265.70	-0.10	1.04
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BM Director Dlgs	96.30	102.56	-1.43	1.35
Growth Acc	235.42	251.52	-1.13	0.41
Income	591.44	628.34	-2.28	5.36
Intl & General	413.45	431.25	-3.23	0.13
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	212.40	226.00		1.03
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	84.27	88.71	-0.06	1.96
Ethical Tst	44.56	46.90	-0.05	1.32
Far Eastern	296.60	312.21	-1.64	1.87
High Income	136.25	143.42	-0.25	4.80
Intl Growth	122.57	129.02	-0.02	0.51
North American	126.97	133.65	-0.62	1.62
Pelican	127.56	134.27	-0.42	3.28
Smaller Cos	67.33	70.87	-3.62	2.25
Special Sits	90.55	95.32	-0.01	2.77
Tst of Inv Tsts	192.07	202.18	-0.22	1.35
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	199.58	212.32	+0.51	1.32
Smaller Cos Acc	353.19	375.73	-0.89	1.32
Recovery	51.28	53.49	-1.04	1.94
Recovery Acc	51.20	54.47	-0.04	1.84
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	87.91	94.27	-0.21	
Fd of Inv Tsts	46.71	49.82	-0.01	0.58
High Income #	40.94	43.87	-0.61	10.49
Warrants	52.97	57.58		
Zero Preference	41.02	43.62	-0.07	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	82.10	87.33	-0.03	2.96
Family Income Tst	41.39	44.03	-0.01	6.44
Family Trust	92.11	97.98	-0.16	1.99
United Charities	267.40	284.45	-0.50	4.32
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		6.20
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fixed Int	27.51	27.62	+0.09	7.24
Intl Bond	29.34	30.45	-0.18	5.51
Income Funds				
High Income	24.79	25.97	-0.04	5.55
Income Plus	116.80	124.20	-0.40	4.26
Amer Eq Inc	53.10	56.30	-0.20	1.57
European Income	44.70	47.31	-0.02	2.43
Far East Inc	65.08	69.24	-0.36	2.38
Global Converts	23.56	25.13	+0.09	2.78
UK Div Gth	27.43	29.17	-0.11	2.22
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	62.09	66.23	-1.90	
American	280.70	297.60	-0.30	
Amer Spec Sits	148.50	158.50	-0.60	
Japan Smaller Cos	35.02	37.26	-0.45	
European	195.30	208.30	-2.90	
European Opps	62.50	71.84	+0.53	
Global Pfh	28.03	29.81	-0.12	
UK Growth	103.40	110.00	-1.10	
Growth & Inc	156.50	166.50	-0.70	2.81
Intl PEP	41.60	44.24	-0.22	
Japan Spec Sits	82.53	88.96	-0.84	
Japan	178.00	189.50	+2.40	
Managed Intl	209.50	229.00	-1.60	
Moneybuilder	58.13	61.81	-0.16	
Recovery	50.51	52.71	-0.04	
South E Asia	164.80	175.80	-3.00	
Special Sits	593.90	631.50	-1.40	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	111.22	111.22	+0.02	6.20
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	140.10	142.90	-0.20	2.20
Inc Plus #	48.62	50.41	-0.14	2.64
Cap Profit	150.90	153.50	-0.90	1.48
General Opps	129.30	131.00	-0.50	3.64
Growth Inc	32.94	35.66	-0.10	1.36
Private Portfolio	409.20	417.70	-0.60	1.64
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
European	121.60	128.70	-1.20	0.61
Emrg Asian	156.90	167.80	-1.52	
High Income	20.98	22.32	+0.06	10.08
UK Growth	115.50	123.70	-1.10	2.09
UK Income	107.60	114.90	-0.40	4.40
US Smaller Cos	360.60	292.10	+1.70	
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
-do- Inv Tst Inc	77.09	81.06	-0.07	4.13
Investment Trust	98.82	103.71	-0.06	
UK Smaller Cos	91.42	96.13	-0.07	0.99

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	67.67	72.23	+0.10	...
-do- Accum	67.67	72.23	-0.10	
Amer Smlr Cos	589.20	630.20	-4.60	
-do- Accum	601.90	643.70	-4.60	
Capital Tst	333.30	354.50	+0.10	1.67
-do- Accum	484.00	514.70	-0.20	1.67
Conti Smlr Cos	60.60	64.48	+0.17	0.78
-do- Accum	63.95	68.04	+0.17	0.78
Convertible	132.70	141.10	+0.20	5.30
-do- Accum	273.60	291.00	+0.40	5.30
Emerging Markets	65.67	70.15	-0.75	
-do- Accum	65.71	70.20	-0.74	
European	126.70	134.10	-1.00	0.46
-do- Accum	133.20	141.10	-1.10	0.46
Extra Income	380.40	393.30	+0.90	3.82
-do- Accum	563.50	589.90	-1.50	3.82
Financial	133.40	140.60	+0.90	0.61
-do- Accum	147.80	156.30	+0.80	0.61
Gilt Trust	61.51	63.42	+0.39	6.58
-do- Accum	88.56	93.40	+0.57	6.58
Health Fund Inc	185.80	198.50	-1.90	
-do- Accum	185.80	198.50	-1.90	
Income & Growth	208.50	221.80	+0.90	3.55
-do- Accum	319.70	340.10	+1.30	3.55
Intl Growth	392.90	419.70	-2.80	
-do- Accum	436.30	466.10	+3.10	
Japan & Gen	176.80	188.50	+3.20	
-do- Accum	178.60	190.40	+3.20	
Monthly Inc	179.00	190.30	-0.30	3.81
Managed Port Inc	111.80	117.70	+0.50	1.85
-do- Accum	120.00	126.30	+0.30	1.85
Quarterly Income	54.20	58.08	-0.08	7.40
-do- Accum	59.55	63.81	+0.10	4.40
Recovery	355.60	380.20	-2.20	0.03
-do- Accum	419.80	448.80	-2.60	0.03
UK Growth	58.60	62.65	+0.26	2.52
-do- Accum	62.11	66.40	-0.29	2.52
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP American	50.76	54.00	+1.35	0.61
FP Am Smlr Cos	142.60	152.50	-0.30	
FP Asian Growth	259.20	277.20	+4.80	
FP Australian	345.70	370.90	-2.30	
FP Equity Dist	409.20	435.30	-1.20	2.55
-do- Accum	876.50	932.40	-2.60	2.55
FP Euro Gth	229.80	244.40	+9.60	0.35
-do- Accum	249.70	265.60	+0.60	0.35
FP Intl Bond	58.49	61.88	+0.39	4.70
FP Intl Eth Dist	34.02	36.30	-0.26	0.44
-do- Accum	49.33	52.64	-0.38	0.44
FP Pac Basin Acc	205.70	219.60	+3.30	
FP Income	56.30	60.05	-0.38	4.60
-do- Accum	185.70	198.00	-0.80	4.60
FP Jap Smlr Cos	301.90	322.00	-6.60	
FP Monthly Dist	71.94	76.77	+0.07	5.50
FP Stlg Deposit	100.10	100.10		6.25
FP Tokyo	80.32	85.67	+0.97	
FP UK Focus	37.44	40.25	-0.19	2.88
FP UK Growth	181.80	193.70	-0.60	2.74
-do- Accum	356.60	380.30	-1.00	2.74
Stewardship Dist	365.60	388.90	-1.20	1.90
-do- Accum	451.50	480.30	-1.50	1.90
Stwdshp Inc Dist	75.40	80.21	-0.09	3.60
-do- Accum	99.46	105.80	+0.10	3.60
N Am Stshp Dist	109.50	116.40		0.89
-do- Accum	116.90	124.30		0.89
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	112.70	119.80	+0.10	1
Open Cap Gth Acc	117.80	125.32	-0.10	0.27
Cap Gth Inc Inc	108.80	115.70		2.29
Cap Gth Inc Acc	112.60	119.70		2.29
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	113.80	120.80		3.33
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	118.00	125.50	+0.10	3.33
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 1067				
GANDA	259.20	274.10	+0.50	2.25
Cash	48.44	50.38		5.28
Growth Portfolio	80.40	85.22	+0.38	0.96
Income Portfolio	65.28	69.03	-0.21	4.36
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 238 6441				
Special Sits	213.90	228.80	+0.40	1.48
Dividend	92.04	98.44	+0.20	3.97
Intl Gth & Inc	232.30	248.50	+0.70	3.09
UK & Gen	47.59	50.90	-0.05	1.72
Fund of Funds	67.12	71.79	-0.04	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	212.00	226.80	-0.60	
European	619.10	659.70	-2.40	0.29
Far East & Gen	258.90	274.60	+3.70	
Germany	120.20	127.30	+0.40	
Income Inc	165.00	176.50	-0.80	4.42
-do- Accum	182.00	194.70	-0.80	4.42
International	343.10	367.00	+3.90	
Intl Income	95.65	98.75	+0.78	3.36
Japan & General	425.20	451.90	+3.40	
Korean Securities	70.66	75.56	-1.37	
Smlr Cos Div Inc	47.08	50.36		4.01
UK Capital Inc	179.10	191.60	-0.50	1.49
UK Capital Acc	315.80	337.80	+1.00	1.49
UK Spec Sits	91.76	98.14		1.32
US & General	162.50	172.60	-1.00	
Wwide Spec Sits	150.10	160.50	+1.20	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	53.91	57.67	+0.43	1.92
Cash Trust	140.16	140.16	-0.01	6.16
Practical Inv Inc #	117.32	125.48	-0.27	2.77
-do- Accum #	270.60	289.41	-0.27	2.77
UK Index	162.23	163.05	-0.61	3.02
UK Smaller Cos	145.26	155.36	+3.25	0.51
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.28	25.16	-0.06	8.19
High Income	33.89	36.25	-0.07	5.27
UK Equity Income	147.32	157.56	-0.72	3.10
Global Bond	29.27	30.33	+0.19	4.91
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	44.26	47.34	-0.26	
Global Managed	137.26	146.09	-0.84	1.51
Gold & Intl Res	107.67	115.15	-0.27	
Global Utilities	139.36	148.81	-0.49	1.57
Overseas Funds				
American	169.21	180.24	-0.65	0.98
European	114.30	121.17	+0.88	1.02
Euro Sel Opps	168.81	180.19	-1.60	
Amer Emerging	132.07	141.25	-1.30	
Hong Kong	146.30	156.60	-3.19	1.87
Japan	234.08	248.38	+3.12	
Pacific Growth	215.13	230.09	+3.55	0.10
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	232.64	232.64	-0.99	2.08
Long Term Bal	251.98	251.98	+1.04	3.10
Med Term Bal	211.65	211.65	+0.69	3.26
UK Equity	267.07	267.07	+0.95	2.49
UK Emerging Cos	155.83	155.83	+0.05	1.97
American	272.83	272.83	+1.95	1.29
Japan	122.75	122.75	+1.23	
European	298.88	298.88	+2.13	1.01
Index Linked Gilt	176.59	176.59	+0.38	2.74
Fixed Interest	162.77	162.77		6.60
Amer Emerges	332.67	332.67	-0.39	
Pacific	239.54	239.54	-3.37	0.68
Emerging Mkts	118.65	118.65	-0.41	0.95
Index Sltd Japan	145.69	145.69	-1.62	0.72
-do- Pacific Rim	196.63	196.63	-3.24	1.36
-do- Conti Europe	184.16	184.16	-1.08	2.00
Index Sltd USA	157.81	157.81	-1.45	2.00
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	109.83	116.63	-0.49	
Med Term Bal	100.66	107.08	-0.35	
Long Term Bal	113.24	120.47	-0.50	
UK Equity	123.59	131.47	-0.46	
UK Emerging Cos	73.05	77.71	-0.03	
American	126.33	134.39	-0.96	
Japan	58.80	62.55	-0.62	
European	124.24	132.17	-0.94	
Fixed Interest	83.35	88.67	+0.57	
Index Linked Gilt	78.45	83.45	+0.18	
Deposit	82.94	88.23		
Bankers Unit Trusts				
British Ind	147.97	155.76	-0.06	0.55
British Gth Port Inc	66.95	70.66	+0.37	0.80
-do- Inc Port Inc	60.11	63.44	-0.21	1.40
-do- Wide Port	56.76	59.91	-0.03	0.10
Share Utilities	65.11	68.80	-0.02	2.56
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	580.62	622.44		2.24
-do- Accum	650.74	692.28		2.24
European Inc	156.40	166.14		1.31
American Inc	150.42	159.39		
E America Inc	352.66	373.17		3.70
Far East Inc	363.23	386.42		
-do- Accum	376.21	400.22		
UK Dvld Inc	188.16	200.17	-5.44	3.20
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	97.60	104.37	-0.24	4.50
UK Small Cos	55.93	59.81	-0.04	0.94
Brazil Growth	59.53	63.66	-0.31	2.78
American Gwth	216.61	231.66	-1.65	
Japan Gwth	65.62	70.13	-0.93	
Greater China	184.26	197.06	-1.35	0.41
Pacific Strategy	155.10	165.88	+2.74	0.17
European Gwth	93.28	99.53	-0.37	0.74
Intl Growth	157.86	168.83	-0.50	
US Index (£)	15.5920	16.4287	-0.0243	4.60
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	82.40	88.12	+0.23	2.34
Monthly Income	39.78	42.42	-0.09	8.00
NRS Unit Trust Dealing 071 865 0033				
Gold UK Index (£)	12.6858	13.3924	-0.1570	4.90
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	94.72	100.77		1.52
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9668				
European	514.30	543.40	-2.00	0.50
Gilt & Fixed	126.90	134.70	-0.90	5.83
Growth Equity	370.80	395.10	-1.30	1.57
Income Tst	143.70	153.50	-0.10	3.23
International	191.90	205.00	-1.00	0.17
Japan Trust	122.70	131.00	+0.70	
Nth American	308.60	329.00	-0.70	
Pacific	545.60	582.90	+8.60	0.08
Guardhill	553.00	560.80	-1.00	1.62
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2128				
EMU Trust	103.29	107.19	-0.75	6.64
Global High Inc	93.94	102.75	-0.60	6.56
Corporate Bond	102.37	108.29	-0.37	6.91
Eqty & Bond Inc	106.92	113.68	-0.22	4.98
European Growth	111.87	118.94	-0.85	
Intl PEP Trust	64.52	68.61	-0.94	
Equity Inc	130.87	139.15	-0.22	3.68
-do- Accum	183.91	195.54	-0.30	3.68
Recovery	363.60	386.60	-1.40	2.22
-do- Accum	422.90	449.60	-1.40	2.22
St Mac High Inc	124.70	126.57	-3.55	7.16
UK Emerg Cos	272.10	289.30	-1.00	1.94
UK Smlr Cos	360.00	373.40	-1.50	2.56
Glob Prv Tst	95.75	101.81	-1.47	0.93
-do- Accum	97.86	102.84	-1.49	0.93
Inc Share Tst	90.68	96.42	+2.39	8.10
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	29.03	30.78	-0.07	1.90
Growth Acc	29.41	31.18	-0.07	1.90
Income	29.15	30.91	-0.05	3.19
Income Acc	29.88	31.68	-0.06	3.91
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 380				
Model Pfolio	218.10	228.90	-0.40	2.50
Smaller Cos	33.37	35.50	-0.09	1.49
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 01277 263 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	340.04	363.84	-2.06	1.37
Best of British	67.63	71.89	-0.32	2.86
UK Smaller Cos	139.14	148.50	-0.32	1.62
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	293.60	312.67	-1.01	3.65
-do- Accum #	802.31	854.42	+2.77	3.65
High Income	335.35	358.40	-1.40	4.59
Extra Income #	286.16	304.35	-0.73	5.60
Pref & Bond	47.76	49.36	-0.04	8.50
International				
International	290.42	308.95	-1.39	0.35
Global Bond	54.40	57.75	-0.40	6.15
Intl Port Tst	88.93	93.11	-0.05	0.37
Global Tech	227.48	243.00	-0.10	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	179.75	192.22	-3.37	0.43
European	521.41	555.55	-3.18	0.63
European Income #	82.77	87.55	-0.35	2.32

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	164.25	175.82	-1.39	0.54
Eur Sel Sits	78.71	83.94	-0.53	0.63
-do- Accum	84.31	89.92	-0.57	0.63
Japan Trust	213.04	227.35	-1.39	
Japan Special Sits	209.93	224.00	+1.81	
Pacific Smlr Cos	230.92	247.07	-1.79	0.08
North American	263.25	279.71	-1.72	0.27
American Smaller	129.82	138.77		0.42
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	106.83	113.95	-0.54	1.86
Capital	186.38	195.76	+1.12	1.42
Dollar	420.03	439.82	-0.10	
Enterprise Gth	365.64	392.87	-1.66	1.43
European	242.43	253.86	+2.08	0.44
Far East	311.47	328.11	-4.95	
Financial	884.94	926.64	+2.09	1.80
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.00	27.04	-0.09	7.04
High Yield	107.30	112.99	-0.53	3.81
Income & Growth	154.50	161.78	+1.01	3.06
International	279.12	285.99	-2.07	
Japanese General	207.69	217.48	-2.52	
Japan Tech	90.30	94.56	-1.29	
Nat Resources	77.09	80.72	-0.55	
Portfolio	78.38	82.07	-0.49	
Smaller Cos	142.10	148.79	-0.41	1.29
Special Sits	170.10	178.12	-0.89	1.16
UK Emerging Cos	102.91	107.75	+0.18	0.81
US Smaller Cos	115.83	121.29	-0.38	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers: 0800 181 830 Investors: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	107.10	114.30	-0.40	5.97
Capital	648.40	692.00	-2.60	2.23
Income #	604.10	644.70	-1.90	5.06
Footsie Fund	59.02	59.32	-0.32	2.78
Trust Index	114.80	122.50	-0.10	2.05
UK Index	150.50	160.60	-0.10	2.88
International Funds				
American Growth	540.30	575.60	-4.40	0.37
American Index	235.60	251.70	-2.70	1.05
European Growth	121.20	129.10	-0.80	0.16
Eurotrack 100	172.50	183.30	-1.80	1.05
Gilt & Fxd Ind	22.13	23.36	-0.19	5.17
Japan Growth	277.50	295.30	-4.00	
Japan Index	77.26	82.45	-0.73	0.18
Japan Smlr Cos	30.41	32.45	-0.48	
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	59.17	63.15	-0.93	0.19
Hong Kong Gwth	113.80	121.40	-2.10	1.31
Singa & Mlysn Gth	74.72	79.74	-1.03	
Tiger Index	202.10	215.70	-3.80	1.86
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	39.15	40.70	+0.13	1.13
General Funds				
Managed	78.75	81.86	-0.50	1.10
Rupert Child Fnd	93.35	98.00	-0.28	2.21
UK Growth	64.98	67.55	-0.23	2.19
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	84.01	87.33	-0.34	6.57
Gilt & Fixed Int	26.43	27.27	+0.11	8.37
UK Inc & Gwth	43.57	45.29	-0.12	3.45
UK Income	351.00	364.90	-1.50	4.74
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	54.36	56.38	-0.27	0.10
Amer Smlr Cos	130.30	135.50	-1.30	
-do- Accum	131.70	136.90	-1.20	
Europe Gth	181.80	188.60	-1.00	
-do- Accum	188.40	195.40	-1.10	
Euro Smaller Cos	33.32	34.64	+0.18	
French Growth	79.66	82.80	-0.74	0.15
-do- Accum	85.46	88.83	-0.80	0.15
H Kong & China	84.37	87.70	+1.81	1.53
Intl Growth	61.18	63.60	+0.50	0.47
-do- Accum	61.70	64.14	+0.51	0.47
Japan Gth	31.47	32.71	-0.36	
-do- Accum	31.47	32.71	-0.36	
Japan Smaller Cos	38.26	39.77	-0.77	
Glob Emg Mkts	94.76	98.50	-0.66	
-do- Accum	95.43	99.20	-0.67	
SE Asia	321.10	333.80	-5.80	0.03
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	55.14	58.63	+0.47	6.10
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	188.00	200.00	-2.30	
Income	179.61	191.06	-0.45	3.19
UK Growth	68.08	72.42	+0.17	0.48
International	82.24	87.48	+0.11	0.07
Ecology	90.78	96.57	+0.28	1.11
European	139.98	148.69	+0.84	
Far Eastern	297.50	316.40	+2.30	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	97.50	100.98	-0.40	7.62
Gilt Yield	115.60	122.00	-0.40	6.97
Global Income	317.22	331.70	-1.10	3.75
High Yield	143.43	151.50	-1.02	5.87
-do- Accum	441.30	465.52	-1.02	5.87
Smlr Cos Div	56.21	59.83	-0.13	2.52
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	111.40	116.50	-0.40	
Asian Growth	319.70	340.10	-3.92	0.24
-do- Accum	375.70	399.70	-4.60	0.24
North American	89.94	95.60	-0.51	0.25
European Special	132.50	139.50	-1.20	0.10
European	161.00	170.30	-1.20	0.45
-do- Accum	212.30	225.60	-1.20	0.45
Global Spec Inc	109.50	116.60	-0.50	2.21
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	-3.50	
Japanese Special	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.32	
Master Accum	249.00	264.30		3.52
Smaller Cos	120.70	128.40	-1.30	1.16
UK Equity Growth	42.57	45.23	-0.07	1.67
UK Index Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-3.40	3.74
Brokers Tst	98.67	105.75	-0.23	3.03
-do- Accum	99.67	105.75	-0.23	3.03
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	279.65	297.50	-2.98	5.09
Inc & Growth Inc	58.33	57.12	-0.25	4.32
Smaller Cos	64.82	68.77	-0.28	1.48
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 629				
Growth Trust	268.27	285.32		1.97
High Income	111.50	118.63		4.23
International	106.95	113.71		0.56
Recovery Trust	72.56	77.17		1.44
European Trust	60.19	63.29		0.89
Japanese Trust	65.51	69.73		
American Trust	98.50	104.80		
Managed	63.90	68.00		5.66
Cash	51.00	51.00		5.99
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	403.50	429.15	-1.40	2.39
UK Inc/Gth	437.20	465.02	-1.30	2.91
UK Income	303.20	322.54	-1.10	5.54
UK Sm Cos	262.20	278.92	-0.20	1.15
Euro Gwth	127.80	135.90	-1.10	
N Amer Gwth	107.10	113.90		0.22
Japan Growth	63.57	67.63	-2.73	
Money Mkt	126.56	126.75		1.550
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 335				
Equity Dist	516.60	551.00	-2.50	2.51
-do- Accum	916.40	974.50	-5.00	2.51
Equity Income #	102.60	109.20	-0.30	4.55
UK Tactical Allocn	61.13	65.38	-0.25	4.12
European	136.80	145.70	-1.20	1.57
Far Eastern	278.30	296.50	-3.90	
Fixed Interest	52.21	55.54	-0.23	7.29
Gilt	90.26	95.32	-0.35	6.38
Global Growth	75.51	81.39	-0.76	0.57
Intl Bond	52.00	55.21	-0.41	4.99
Japanese	73.49	78.19	-1.21	
North American	169.60	180.40	-1.63	0.71
Pacific Growth	102.80	109.40	-1.63	0.34
UK Index	62.71	66.81	-0.26	3.07
UK Recovery	101.40	107.80	-0.64	1.62
UK Smaller Cos	137.10	145.90	-0.73	1.37
US Index	70.56	74.85	-0.73	1.55
European Index	90.52	96.21	-0.24	1.13
Japan Index	39.62	42.34	-0.46	
Worldwide	89.17	94.86	-1.04	1.55
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
0181 902 8878 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	53.25	57.00	-0.30	2.01
Income	61.63	65.25	-0.23	4.10
Far East	52.58	56.19	-0.08	
North American	124.86	132.76	-0.52	
Global	102.65	109.70	-0.30	0.37
European	91.12	97.42	-0.38	0.37
Japan	101.86	108.09	-0.80	
Intl Currency Bd	59.96	62.58	-0.49	4.34
SE Asia	105.22	112.02	-1.52	
UK Cap Growth	97.43	104.23	-0.25	1.52
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	371.90	395.70	-1.00	2.72
-do- Accum	865.90	911.60	-2.40	2.72
Conti Euro Gth	67.57	[illegible]	-0.15	1.57
-do- Accum	72.57	76.39	[illegible]	1.57
Extra Inc	273.20	290.70	-0.72	4.05
-do- Accum	[illegible]	758.50	-1.90	4.05
FTSE 100 Inc	103.60	[illegible]	+0.20	2.73
FTSE 100 Acc	116.50	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.73
German Gth	132.30	139.50	-0.50	
-do- Accum	138.70	146.30	-0.95	
Growth Port	535.30	[illegible]	-4.50	0.16
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.16
High Interest Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.27	9.00
High Interest Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.21	8.60
HI Reserve Inc #	104.79	[illegible]	+0.50	6.63
HI Reserve Acc #	107.80	[illegible]	-0.35	6.63
Income	521.50	555.20	-3.10	3.49
-do- Accum	514.26	[illegible]	-2.20	3.49
Income Port	[illegible]	[illegible]	-5.61	4.53

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	582.90	620.20	-6.20	4.53
Japan Growth	107.30	114.20	-0.70	..
-do- Accum	107.60	114.50	+0.60	
Master Trust	61.22	65.13	-3.21	1.35
-do- Accum	69.56	74.00	+0.24	1.35
N American Gth	208.30	221.60	+1.90	0.83
-do- Accum	240.80	256.20	-2.20	0.83
NAm Sm Co Fnd	163.70	174.20	-1.00	
-do- Accum	167.10	177.80	-1.00	
Pacific Basin	258.70	275.30	+2.50	0.54
-do- Accum	274.90	292.50	+2.70	0.54
Small Cos Rec	417.10	439.10	+0.60	1.86
-do- Accum	562.90	592.60	-0.90	1.86
UK Growth	92.59	98.50	-1.09	2.21
-do- Accum	114.00	121.30	-1.50	2.21
Worldwide Gth	331.30	352.50	+2.70	
-do- Accum	488.70	519.90	+3.90	
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	75.57	81.02	-0.28	4.40
General	96.55	103.59	-0.17	2.46
Income	68.48	73.47	-0.08	5.20
International	67.87	72.82	-0.37	0.59
Japan	58.49	60.61	+0.55	
Tst of Inv Tsts	70.78	75.94	+0.84	1.30
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	447.60	473.30	-0.90	0.41
-do- Accum	559.70	590.80	+1.10	0.41
Amer Recovery	511.90	541.30	-1.60	0.40
-do- Accum	588.20	621.90	-2.10	0.40
Amer Smlr Cos	141.80	150.10	-1.20	
-do- Accum	145.00	153.40	-1.20	
Australasian	161.90	171.20	-1.90	2.38
-do- Accum	199.80	211.30	-2.40	2.38
Capital	901.30	953.10	+3.70	2.72
-do- Accum	1045.40	1105.40	+4.30	2.72
Charifund	734.80	742.20	+0.30	5.77
-do- Accum	3540.90	3576.40	+1.30	5.77
Commodity	411.60	435.30	-1.20	0.54
-do- Accum	606.20	641.10	-1.80	0.54
Compound Gth	1034.30	1093.80	+2.00	2.86
-do- Accum	1098.90	1162.20	+2.20	2.86
Dividend	43.80	46.34	+0.10	4.24
-do- Accum	186.70	197.50	-0.50	4.24
Equity Income	356.00	376.50	-0.50	4.73
-do- Accum	472.40	499.60	-0.60	4.73
Euro & General	535.60	567.50	-0.60	1.19
-do- Accum	683.90	723.20	-0.90	1.19
Euro Dividend	73.70	77.90	+0.10	3.93
-do- Accum	90.98	96.00	-0.10	3.93
Extra Yield	436.70	461.80	-1.40	4.87
-do- Accum	1414.40	1495.80	+4.50	4.87
Far Eastern	349.60	369.70	+4.40	0.60
-do- Accum	466.30	493.10	+5.90	0.60
Fund of Inv Tsts	649.90	687.30	-0.50	1.84
-do- Accum	1226.30	1296.80	-1.00	1.84
General	65.28	68.90	+0.30	3.82
-do- Accum	186.90	196.70	+0.90	3.82
Gilt Income	59.98	60.07	+0.43	7.40
-do- Accum	171.62	171.86	-1.21	7.40
Gold	67.80	71.70	+0.20	0.80
-do- Accum	80.40	85.10	-0.30	0.80
High Income	31.10	32.90	+0.18	4.50
-do- Accum	127.50	135.10	+0.30	4.50
Intl Growth	81.10	85.80	-0.40	0.85
-do- Accum	142.60	150.80	-0.70	0.85
International Inc	104.80	110.60	+0.60	4.04
-do- Accum	157.50	166.60	+0.90	4.04
Japan & Gen	40.62	42.90	+0.30	
-do- Accum	43.60	46.10	+0.40	
Japan Smlr Cos	142.50	150.70	+1.20	
-do- Accum	143.50	151.80	+1.20	
Managed Gwth	25.20	26.60		1.70
Managed Income	28.90	30.30	+0.10	4.09
Midland	64.60	68.30	-0.30	3.01
-do- Accum	218.10	230.80	-1.00	3.01
Pension Ex	1012.00	1037.30	+3.40	4.16
Recovery	45.50	48.10	+0.10	2.52
-do- Accum	75.80	80.20	-0.20	2.52
Second General	74.60	78.90		3.57
-do- Accum	196.10	207.60	-0.28	3.57
Smaller Cos	71.70	75.80	-0.10	3.10
-do- Accum	144.60	152.90	-0.10	3.10
Sterling Hi Int	24.54	24.64	+0.17	6.20
Treasury	25.10	25.14	+0.01	6.35
Trustee	43.60	46.10	-0.10	4.35
-do- Accum	178.50	188.90	+0.40	4.35
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 610 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	85.96	91.44	+0.67	1.36
Intl Bond	65.54	68.90	+0.46	5.72
Intl Equity Growth	77.86	82.85	+0.70	0.67
N Amer Growth	112.03	119.18	+0.74	0.96
Special Sits Growth	23.40	24.89	+0.07	2.17
UK Growth	405.45	431.34	+0.96	2.89
-do- Accum	543.81	577.67	+1.28	2.89
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1398.10	1423.60		3.80
Income #	1003.50	1018.20		4.30
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	151.60	155.50		3.90
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
01244 680 068				
M & S Inv Pf Gio	164.20	172.90	+0.41	2.09
-do- Accum	191.10	201.10	+0.41	2.09
UK Sel Pfolio	144.10	151.70	+0.33	2.42
-do- Accum	168.50	173.50	+0.33	2.42
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 642				
Managed Tst	69.31	73.74		3.71
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	75.87	80.54	-0.23	3.98
European	89.74	95.27	-0.20	0.96
Income #	78.23	83.05	-0.15	4.56
Nth American	74.63	79.23	-0.34	0.59
Far East	165.00	175.20	-1.80	0.10
Japan	57.79	61.35	-0.25	
Emerging Mkts	85.89	91.96	+0.57	
Intl Growth	115.30	122.40	-0.70	0.92
UK Growth	105.40	111.90	-0.10	1.52
UK Smlr Co	51.35	54.51	-0.01	1.51
Asian Opps Fd	36.84	39.43	-3.52	0.08
Glob Gwth PEP	54.09	57.41	-0.17	0.49
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	435.48	466.47	-1.54	5.09
Global Inc	70.86	75.38	-6.48	4.15
Brit Leaders	373.72	397.57	+0.17	2.96
Intl Leaders	207.51	220.76	-1.50	1.04
PAM Mg Bal Srb	68.39	68.99	-0.11	0.75
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0171 280 2060				
American	227.60	241.00	-0.700	
-do- Accum	243.30	257.60	-0.800	
American Opps	110.10	117.40	-0.60	
-do- Accum	111.50	118.90	-0.50	
British Blue Chip	84.68	89.92	+0.373	2.67
-do- Accum	107.18	113.80	-0.600	2.67
Cash	101.00	101.00		6.43
-do- Accum	141.80	141.80		6.43
Emerging Mkts	105.30	113.90	-0.800	0.13
-do- Accum	106.60	114.60	+0.800	0.13
European Growth	267.20	284.70	-1.800	0.16
-do- Accum	290.00	309.00	-2.000	0.16
European Income	85.02	90.42	-0.750	3.18
-do- Accum	118.10	125.50	-0.300	3.18
General	548.00	582.80	-0.800	2.13
-do- Accum	1033.00	1162.00	-1.000	2.13
Global Bond	127.93	134.40	+0.509	5.49
-do- Accum	161.10	169.30	+0.600	5.49
Gold & General	214.50	230.60	+0.900	0.39
-do- Accum	221.40	238.10	-1.000	0.39
Govt Securities	92.56	95.35	-0.560	6.15
-do- Accum	184.50	190.20	-1.000	6.15
High Yield Bd	98.11	102.60	-0.100	7.21
-do- Accum	99.11	102.60	-0.100	7.21
Income	166.60	177.00	-0.600	4.01
-do- Accum	266.60	283.10	-0.900	4.01
Inc Portfolio #	102.60	108.30	+0.230	4.82
-do- Accum #	107.40	112.90	+0.200	4.82
Intl Opps	490.70	523.40	-1.800	0.17
-do- Accum	653.30	701.10	-2.300	0.17
Japan	166.90	177.10	+0.900	
-do- Accum	171.40	181.60	-3.950	
New Europe	198.60	211.80	+1.300	0.95
-do- Accum	204.70	218.30	+1.300	0.95
Pacific	112.30	119.80	-1.250	0.85
-do- Accum	128.60	136.80	-2.000	0.85
Recovery	325.50	347.60	+1.500	0.75
-do- Accum	419.10	447.30	-1.800	0.75
UK Smaller Cos	57.59	61.47	-0.07	0.94
-do- Accum	65.76	70.14	-0.03	0.84
Portfolio	84.99	90.22	-0.330	2.56
-do- Accum	102.30	108.60	+2.400	2.56
Managed Gwth	105.20	111.20	-0.400	1.71
Managed Inc	109.30	114.00	-0.400	[illegible]
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	125.02	134.06	+0.75	0.18
Portfolio	71.35	75.90	-0.37	1.59
UK Income Inc	82.71	87.99	-0.27	4.94
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	62.54	66.53	-0.25	2.69
-do- Accum	68.87	72.11	-0.26	2.69
British Tst	94.23	98.67	-0.49	1.72
-do- Accum	118.80	115.80	-3.70	1.92
Extra High Inc	66.63	71.05	-0.11	6.65
-do- Accum	139.60	145.10	-3.29	6.65
FT-SE 100 Acc	60.73	63.65	-0.21	2.60
FT-SE 100 Dist	58.36	61.74	-0.24	2.60
Gilt & Fxd Int	54.36	57.05	+0.22	7.26
-do- Accum	165.30	172.09	+0.70	7.26
High Yield	225.70	240.10	-0.33	5.51
-do- Accum	389.00	417.30	-2.60	5.51
Income	386.90	414.00	-1.19	3.87
-do- Accum	674.50	706.20	-3.60	3.87
Money Market UT	49.57	49.57		5.50
-do- Accum	79.53	79.55		5.50
Monthly Income	92.44	92.61	-0.33	4.67
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	115.30	122.90	-0.73	1.63
European Growth	115.50	122.12	-0.30	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	90.57	95.39	+0.37	5.76
Income	91.81	97.61	-0.27	3.62

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	49.15	52.10	+0.24	...
Managed	74.81	79.59	+0.38	2.21
Money Market	89.80	95.18		4.22
North American	99.05	105.00	-1.10	0.43
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	104.80	111.50	+0.60	1.58
European Growth	103.80	110.18	-0.10	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	86.25	91.49	+0.35	5.75
Income	90.06	95.81	+0.36	2.68
Japan Growth	48.94	51.86	+0.24	
Managed	71.52	76.08	-0.28	2.18
Money Market	82.97	87.84		4.18
North American	89.62	95.09	-1.00	0.51
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	104.50	111.29	+0.68	1.58
European Growth	101.49	107.56	-0.10	
Gilt & Fixed Int	79.56	84.39	+0.32	5.85
Income	88.60	94.26	+0.36	2.71
Japan Growth	50.84	53.04	+0.24	
Managed	74.34	79.08	-0.33	2.19
Money Market	77.29	81.92		4.25
North American	100.10	106.10	-1.20	0.39
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	14.84	15.53	...	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 826 0825 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	408.80	434.10	-0.60	
European Gth Inc	584.60	626.40	-3.60	
-do- Accum	590.90	633.20	-3.60	
Intl Gwth	209.50	223.40	+0.80	
UK Equity Inc	202.30	215.49	+0.30	2.97
UK Intl Trckr Inc	174.40	188.30	-0.50	2.88
-do- Accum	209.80	224.29	+0.60	2.88
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	234.50	248.30	+1.90	1.07
Japan Tracker	72.85	76.93	+0.43	
Asian Tracker	211.50	226.60	+3.10	0.29
Managed Inc	169.20	180.80	+0.30	2.13
Deposit Inc	100.04	100.04	+0.02	6.34
Europa	230.40	246.60	-0.90	
Gemala	175.50	190.50	-0.30	1.68
High Income	21.36	22.63	+0.02	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 033				
Acumen	100.60	102.80	+0.30	2.46
Acumen Inc	94.20	96.24	+0.33	2.46
Acumen Reserve	88.05	88.94	+0.14	7.84
-do- Inc	73.30	74.84	+0.12	7.84
American Growth	175.70	181.20	-0.20	
Cash Income	49.83	49.88	+0.01	5.97
Equity Income #	99.27	101.99	+0.20	4.80
European	74.18	75.79	+0.22	0.58
Smaller Cos	85.14	89.17	+0.11	1.20
Wwide Eqty	68.15	69.81	+0.52	0.48
Global Bond	45.14	45.65	-0.16	6.51
UK Growth	101.90	104.70	+0.30	2.02
Pacific Growth	110.50	114.40	+1.80	0.28
Japan Growth	99.73	101.50	+1.10	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	131.65	149.85	+0.44	2.57
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	78.80	83.82	+0.34	2.16
UK Income	115.49	122.85	+0.39	3.85
Higher Income	221.64	235.79	-0.47	5.17
Smaller Cos	88.37	94.01	+0.14	1.83
International	102.60	109.15	+0.51	1.58
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171-623 4200				
American Dist	117.20	124.70	+0.70	0.20
European Dist	126.70	134.80	+0.10	
Far East Dist	185.80	197.40	-2.20	
Global Care Dist	78.73	83.75	-0.02	0.60
Oseas Dist	1082.60	1151.70	+6.90	0.09
-do- Accum	1409.00	1498.90	+8.90	0.09
UK Dist	381.30	405.60	+1.00	2.99
-do- Accum	756.70	805.00	+1.90	2.99
UK Extra Inc Dist	85.34	90.79	+0.03	3.38
Wwide Dist	112.50	119.60	+0.70	0.40
Wwide Inc Dist	76.06	80.92	+0.27	2.28
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 388				
Europe Inc	68.79	72.80	+0.46	0.44
Fund of Funds Inc	62.66	66.13	+0.31	0.79
North America Inc	60.69	64.05	-0.21	0.41
UK Equity Gwth Inc	63.20	66.70	+0.07	1.87
-do- Accum	66.38	70.07	+0.07	1.87
UK General Inc	61.82	65.25	+0.20	2.70
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	46.73	49.21	+0.18	7.44
UK Income Inc	61.19	64.58	-0.18	3.34
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American Gwth Tst	40.79	43.82		0.24
-do- Accum	41.10	43.95		0.24
Bond	120.97	128.43	+1.33	5.87
Bridge Fund	91.18	97.00		2.20
Cash Income	50.87	50.87		5.87
-do- Accum	68.08	68.08		5.87
Distributor	99.46	105.81	+0.47	3.26
European Gwth	45.38	48.39	+0.38	0.18
Foundation	101.49	107.87	+0.53	2.33
General	202.45	215.37	+1.41	1.83
Global	336.80	358.09	+2.86	0.36
Growth	134.17	142.73	-0.72	2.55
Higher Income Inc	29.64	31.53	+0.15	3.95
-do- Accum	34.64	36.85	-0.18	3.95
Income	249.25	265.16	+1.54	3.22
Intrepid	128.71	134.07		2.02
Japan Gwth	25.55	27.18	+0.33	
Managed Tst Inc	51.33	54.89	+0.29	2.13
-do- Accum	54.71	58.51	+0.38	2.13
Oriental Opps Inc	145.67	154.97	+1.74	0.23
-do- Accum	150.05	159.63	+1.79	0.23
Pers Inv Gwth	31.85	33.74	+0.18	0.48
Formerly Capital House				
Property Shares	34.50	36.69	-0.06	0.82
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	80.02	85.58	+0.77	1.60
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2655				
Managed	104.10	110.20	+0.20	2.32
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	130.34	137.20	+0.72	1.34
UK Equity	150.46	158.38	+0.66	3.03
UK Equity Income	141.86	149.33	+0.59	3.21
UK Smaller Cos	126.20	132.84	+0.17	1.60
UK Equity Growth	141.05	148.47	+0.59	2.08
UK Index Trckg	153.10	161.16	+0.78	3.42
Intl Index Trckg	154.58	162.72	+1.53	1.89
International	253.36	266.69	-2.09	0.47
European	218.85	230.16	+1.91	0.21
Pan European	147.29	155.04	+1.10	1.33
Nth American	200.93	211.51	-0.74	0.18
N Amer Smlr Cos	219.10	230.63	+0.70	
Japanese	90.60	95.37	+0.97	
Pacific	232.84	245.10	+2.95	0.56
South East Asian	261.54	275.30	+4.31	0.63
Intl Bond	137.28	144.50	+0.90	4.48
Gilt & Convertible	105.66	111.22	-0.52	6.37
Property	79.09	83.25	-0.02	6.67
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	267.30	285.70	-3.20	0.17
-do- Accum	282.80	303.40	-3.40	0.17
Japan Inc	101.30	108.10	+0.50	
Nth American Inc	117.30	125.70	+0.58	0.45
Worldwide Inc	166.90	179.00	+1.73	0.23
Hong Kong Inc	149.00	159.90	+3.70	1.65
Swiss Equities Inc	81.01	86.52	-0.55	
Wwide Bond Inc	63.77	67.47	+0.48	5.09
Emrging Asia Inc	217.30	231.10	-3.30	0.30
-do- Accum	213.10	231.90	-3.20	0.30
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.41	50.41		6.35
Thailand Inc	168.60	183.70	+3.80	1.44
Gold Trust Inc	76.42	83.58	-0.74	
New Zealand Inc	92.49	98.38	-0.82	2.12
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	65.77	70.60	+0.45	1.86
Latin Am Cap Inc	57.83	62.39	-0.58	0.36
UK All Sh Idx Inc	64.24	68.89	+0.25	2.66
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	81.69	87.37	-0.34	
Global Portfolio	73.02	77.81	-0.05	
Global Opps	68.32	70.63	+0.01	
Marsh Global Gth	65.53	69.49	-0.05	
AAM Global Equity	55.16	58.48	-0.04	
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	101.00	107.80	-0.10	
Temple Equity Inc	46.43	50.55	+0.09	2.33
Hartley Growth	89.62	95.34	-0.46	
Intl Growth Inc	88.90	95.08	+1.25	1.11
IPS Portfolio Inc	88.03	94.15	-0.30	
St Jms Ate Inc Inc	47.30	49.23	+0.11	
Premier Persons Inc	67.49	72.18	+0.06	1.99
Roxburgh Strat Gth	74.70	79.89	-0.03	0.64
Tech Analysis	113.50	120.70	-0.60	
Rosebery Growth	52.36	56.29	-0.63	0.67
International Strat	80.23	85.87	-0.55	
UFC Ind-Act Grth	57.55	62.66	-0.09	
Coverdale Topout	51.71	55.78	-0.34	
Pepa Eqty Inc	112.40	122.70		0.07
Lowes Intl Growth	48.45	52.05	+0.16	
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	259.30	275.90	+1.90	2.62
-do- Accum	554.50	589.90	+2.10	2.62
Growth	167.60	176.40	+0.50	2.80
Income	350.50	366.59	+1.00	3.69
Intl Equity	264.40	281.30	+1.90	0.77
-do- Accum	294.40	313.20	+2.20	0.77
UK Income	69.83	74.33	-0.26	3.17
UK Intl 25	84.73	90.13	-0.89	2.10
New Europe	85.14	90.56	-0.80	0.30
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	628.31	671.99	-0.44	0.58
-do- Accum	639.98	673.78	-0.43	0.58
Income	394.90	422.36	+2.20	3.13
Wwide Recovery	411.53	440.14	+0.50	0.80
Amer Growth Inc	245.90	263.09	-2.63	0.01
-do- Accum	245.96	263.09	-2.63	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	254.60	272.31	+0.35	0.13
Far Estn Gth Inc	288.46	308.52	+2.02	0.37
-do- Accum	288.46	308.52	+2.02	0.37
Euro Gwth Inc	163.06	174.40	-0.32	0.13
-do- Accum	163.47	174.84	-0.32	0.13
UK Growth Inc	102.07	109.17	-0.46	2.73
-do- Accum	107.28	114.85	-0.49	2.73
High Income	105.34	112.66	-0.31	3.95
Jap Gwth Inc	207.62	221.07	-1.68	0.01
-do- Accum	207.62	221.07	-1.68	0.01
PEP Growth	128.55	137.50	+0.07	0.98
Asian Gth Mkts Inc	128.74	137.70	-1.45	0.30
-do- Accum	128.74	137.70	+1.45	0.30
Amer Smlr Co Inc	159.02	170.08	-2.83	0.01
-do- Accum	159.02	170.08	-2.83	0.01
Global Bond	55.66	58.62	+0.04	5.63
UK Smaller Cos Inc	91.31	97.66	+0.32	1.64
-do- Accum	98.07	102.75	-0.33	1.64
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3827				
American	115.83	123.22	-1.18	
European	80.15	85.27	-0.59	
Global	65.12	69.28	-0.42	
Pacific	58.77	62.52	+0.05	
UK Inc & Gth	69.62	74.28	-0.14	2.24
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	175.42	185.63	...	0.64
Emerg Mkts	44.60	47.41	+0.04	1.10
High Income #	52.45	55.51	+0.09	6.09
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	68.93	73.12	-0.31	2.71
Growth Income	71.67	75.97	-0.64	2.30
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	152.58	162.30	-0.62	1.66
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	103.10	109.60	-1.00	3.67
Conv & Gilt	112.40	119.60		5.98
European Income	76.95	81.86	-0.38	3.05
Extra Income	164.50	175.00	+0.70	3.73
-do- Accum	207.00	220.30	-0.90	3.73
Far East	394.60	419.80	-3.60	0.16
-do- Accum	403.90	429.20	+3.60	0.16
Global Income	26.91	28.63	+0.22	4.04
High Income	128.30	136.50	+1.40	3.38
-do- Accum	155.80	165.70	+1.70	3.38
International	202.30	215.20	+1.00	0.64
-do- Accum	209.30	222.60	+1.00	0.64
Pref & Fxd Int	43.70	46.43	+0.10	7.58
Recovery	78.53	83.54	-0.13	2.50

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	122.40	130.20	+0.10	1.63
-do- Accum	133.30	141.80	+0.10	1.63
Technology	592.80	629.80	+4.10	
UK Blue Chip	76.27	81.14	-0.15	2.55
-do- Accum	87.06	92.61	-0.17	2.55
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3983				
Equity Gth	216.10	229.90	+0.60	1.34
European Gth	108.79	115.80	+0.10	1.00
Income & Gth #	147.40	156.80	+0.70	3.16
Japan Gth	112.90	120.10	-1.40	
Nth Amer Gth	173.30	184.40	-0.90	0.14
Overseas Gth	104.90	111.60	-0.30	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	40.64	42.11	+0.25	1.78
Cash Haven Inc	101.47	101.97	+0.02	5.72
Cash Haven Acc	114.24	114.80	+0.02	5.72
Dist Trust Inc	101.76	105.45	-0.33	6.48
Dist Trust Acc	108.73	112.67	-0.35	6.48
Global Growth	95.67	101.71	-0.01	1.47
Equity Inc	86.71	92.24	-0.44	3.18
Equity	802.15	853.35	+3.56	2.22
European	232.02	240.43	+1.91	0.76
High Income	91.07	96.88	+0.57	5.00
Intl Gth	199.43	212.15	+1.53	0.90
Intl Sm Co	85.47	90.92	-0.68	0.48
Japanese	207.06	214.58	+0.22	
Nth Amer	200.50	207.77	-1.65	1.19
Pacific Mkts	111.06	115.08	+1.40	0.28
Premier Inc	48.34	50.31	+0.20	6.77
Sm Cos	101.40	107.87	+0.36	1.41
Spec Sits	117.31	124.79	-0.57	2.59
UK Growth	133.59	142.10	+0.52	2.78
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	324.10	343.80	+0.90	3.02
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
FA America (Inc)	680.33	698.18	+1.14	0.31
FA America (Acc)	702.09	748.33	-1.34	0.31
FA UK Equity Inc	169.83	180.84	-0.37	3.42
FA Japan	242.47	257.97	+2.10	
FA Major UK Cos	104.44	111.27	+0.21	2.30
FA Smlr UK Cos	324.69	353.16	+0.31	1.13
FA European	353.23	375.61	+0.86	0.22
FA Amer Smlr Cos	54.48	58.38	-0.18	0.05
FA Asia	49.92	53.69	-0.83	0.05
FA Jap Smlr Cos	41.55	44.42	-0.82	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	106.10	112.78	-0.28	
UK Smlr Cos	94.77	99.75	+0.89	
UK Income	105.38	110.92	+0.22	
America	120.85	127.28	+0.23	
Japanese	53.50	56.31	+0.49	
European	113.86	119.84	+0.27	
Gilt	92.51	97.37	+0.56	
Deposit	86.34	90.88	+0.02	
Managed	107.04	112.67	+0.46	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	105.17	110.70	+0.20	
UK Smaller Cos	92.46	97.32	-0.10	
UK Income	102.71	108.11	+0.22	
America	117.50	123.68	-0.23	
Japanese	52.02	54.75	-0.44	
European	110.82	116.64	+0.26	
Gilt	91.32	96.12	+0.55	
Deposit	82.47	86.74	+0.02	
Managed	100.24	105.50	+0.41	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	98.60	103.69	-0.59	0.18
Pacific Basin	75.35	80.96	+0.75	
High Inc Dist	144.10	154.10	-0.20	4.24
Ryl Life Intl Cmty	59.57	63.11	+0.18	4.07
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	70.58	75.38	+0.19	
Ryl Life Intl Spec	67.10	71.38	-0.20	
UK Emerging Cos	138.80	147.80	-0.40	1.64
UK Index Trckg	178.30	189.90		3.21
European	145.20	156.40	+0.18	
Managed	161.20	173.20	+0.40	0.86
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 794 400				
American Growth	163.70	174.10		1.91
European Growth	121.30	128.70		2.19
Far East Growth	137.00	145.80		2.19
Japan Growth	126.40	134.30		
Special Sits	223.80	238.10		1.17
UK Growth	88.72	92.25		2.25
Trtion General	255.20	271.50		1.26
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 5600				
Far East Inc	161.80	171.20	+2.89	0.35
Gt Euro Prog Inc	357.80	378.80	+1.30	0.20
-do- Accum	558.20	588.00	+2.10	0.20
Growth Inc	144.10	152.90	+0.20	0.32
-do- Accum	147.70	156.30	+0.20	0.32
International Inc	368.00	389.40	+1.00	0.25
-do- Accum	507.30	536.80	-1.50	0.25
Nth Amr & Intl Inc	355.80	378.30	+1.40	0.51
UK Gen Prog Inc	241.40	255.40	+0.20	1.13
-do- Accum	271.50	287.30	+0.20	1.13
UK High Inc Inc	140.00	148.10	+0.40	3.27
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	74.67	79.43	+0.60	...
Asian Gwth	113.65	120.79	+2.11	0.85
European Gwth	76.01	80.85	+0.47	1.00
Global Bd	58.60	61.90	+0.32	5.08
Global Eq	62.09	66.04	+0.55	0.50
Japan Sm Cos	56.93	60.13	+0.88	
UK Gwth	74.74	79.31	+0.97	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	80.39	85.51	+0.55	3.42
Amer Smlr Cos	136.58	145.20	-0.80	
Asian Smaller Cos	43.04	45.78	+0.22	
Capital Portfolio	134.70	143.30	+0.60	1.80
Cash	129.50	129.50		6.24
China Dragon	61.35	65.17	-0.38	1.09
Commodity	129.90	138.10	-0.90	0.69
Eastern Discovery	100.80	106.40	+1.00	
Emerging Mkts	38.05	40.51	+0.10	
Energy Inds	131.80	140.20	+0.20	0.47
European Gwth	202.60	215.40	-0.50	0.18
Euro Inc & Gwth #	81.63	86.84	-0.20	1.94
Euro Smlr Cos	59.21	62.99	+0.04	0.06
Extra Income #	53.93	55.75	+0.27	5.61
Financial Secs	237.90	253.10	+1.40	1.26
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	47.53	50.51	+0.18	8.91
Gold & Exploration	85.08	90.51	-0.84	
High Return #	240.20	255.50	+0.70	3.90
High Yield #	239.90	255.20	-0.80	3.80
Income #	124.20	132.10	+0.50	4.25
Intl Bond	166.40	175.80	+0.70	5.62
ITU	219.90	233.90	-0.10	1.84
Japan Growth	167.00	177.70	+1.49	
Japan Smaller	168.90	179.70	+2.50	
Korea	67.18	71.42	+0.83	
Materfund	58.20	61.91	+0.27	8.79
Scotbits	358.40	381.30	+2.30	1.07
Scotshares #	321.70	342.20	+0.90	2.19
Scotyields #	256.00	272.30	+0.90	3.25
Select Intl	146.20	155.50	+0.70	0.15
Smaller Cos Inc #	255.80	272.18	+0.50	3.43
SE Asia	52.58	55.92	+0.69	0.04
Special Situation	140.40	149.40	+0.60	1.83
UK Equity #	268.50	285.60	+0.90	2.44
UK Growth	71.67	76.46	+0.24	1.83
UK & O'seas	178.80	190.20	+0.50	1.13
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	53.44	56.85	+0.06	2.32
US Growth	175.60	186.80	-0.90	0.27
Univ Growth	145.30	154.60	+0.70	0.41
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Bdr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	288.55	306.42	-2.04	0.85
-do- Accum	315.87	335.53	-2.23	0.85
European Gwth	81.38	86.42	+0.51	0.86
Euro Smlr Cos	88.46	94.22	+0.61	0.49
Far Eastern Gth	101.29	108.04	-0.84	
-do- Accum	103.12	108.99	-0.85	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	30.64	33.48	+0.24	7.90
Global Bond #	51.78	53.51	+0.28	7.02
-do- Accum #	58.25	60.19	+0.32	7.02
Global Emrg Mkts	51.84	55.29	-0.25	0.09
-do- Accum	51.89	55.34	-0.25	0.09
Income #	370.52	395.22	+1.08	5.05
-do- Accum #	612.04	612.85	+3.46	5.05
Japan Smlr Cos	438.00	458.66	+6.90	
-do- Accum	430.66	458.58	+6.92	
Japan Enterprise	68.05	72.58	+0.88	
Pacific Gwth	138.44	147.66	-1.82	0.36
-do- Accum	142.91	152.42	-1.87	0.36
Portfolio	86.76	92.54	+0.32	1.94
-do- Accum	94.86	101.18	+0.35	1.94
Seoul	50.26	54.77	+0.60	
-do- Accum	50.26	54.77	+0.60	
Smaller Cos	245.28	261.63	+0.81	1.25
Tokyo	119.35	127.30	+1.16	
-do- Accum	120.55	128.59	+1.18	
UK Enterprise	294.05	313.65	+0.98	2.02
-do- Accum	355.35	379.04	+1.18	2.02
UK Equity	265.55	283.25	+1.01	2.77
-do- Accum	522.98	557.84	+1.99	2.77
US Smlr Cos	194.78	207.74	-1.85	
-do- Accum	55.94	58.27	-0.55	0.50
Institutional Funds				
European	256.84	267.02	-1.59	1.38
-do- Accum	287.33	298.72	+1.78	1.38
Euro Smlr Cos	31.14	32.43	+0.07	1.45
-do- Accum	33.09	34.46	+0.07	1.45
Global Equity Inc	83.78	87.27	+0.38	1.01
Japan Smlr Cos	35.37	36.84	+0.28	0.19
-do- Accum	35.67	37.15	+0.28	0.19
Mngd Balanced	205.34	213.89	+0.80	2.92
-do- Accum	234.44	244.21	+0.91	2.92
Overseas Equity	202.37	210.80	+1.34	1.08
-do- Accum	210.24	218.89	+1.39	1.08
Oseas Smlr Cos	129.76	135.16	+0.29	0.93
-do- Accum	138.03	141.69	+0.31	0.93
Pacific	257.35	268.07	+3.31	1.42
-do- Accum	281.54	293.26	+3.62	1.42
Recovery	120.31	121.15	+1.69	2.96
-do- Accum	121.82	122.73	+1.82	2.96
UK Index	170.61	177.71	+0.44	3.38
-do- Accum	210.61	219.38	+0.55	3.36
UK Small Cos	123.30	128.43	+0.71	2.96
-do- Accum	133.78	139.35	+0.12	2.96
US Smlr Cos	54.93	57.21	-0.54	0.50
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	54.22	57.34	+0.06	3.26
Equity Trust	67.98	71.89	+0.08	2.96
Equity Strategy	80.72	85.36	+0.39	1.14
European Opps	95.18	100.65	+0.10	0.86
UK Smaller Cos	71.38	75.46	-0.81	1.22
Mammoth Inc	95.79	101.35	-0.01	6.79
Japanese	75.46	79.80	+0.92	
Asia Pacific	126.70	133.98	+1.15	3.15
American	117.47	124.16	+0.70	0.88
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	31.85	31.85		6.236
UK General Inc	56.57	60.30	+0.05	2.84
-do- Accum	74.35	79.24	+0.06	2.84
Intl Income	275.40	293.80	-0.80	1.59
-do- Accum	486.10	512.10	+0.30	1.50
European	86.64	91.85	+0.15	1.70
Japan	65.89	69.54	+0.39	0.14
American	78.88	83.57	-0.69	2.01
Far East	87.05	92.85	+1.10	1.17
Ethical Inc	33.19	35.49	+0.10	2.22
UK Blue Chip Inc	37.10	39.65	+0.17	2.91
High Inc Inc	38.44	41.01	-0.08	3.64
UK Global Inc	43.40	46.39	+0.21	1.76
Wwide Tact	73.61	78.61	+0.11	1.52
Europe 2000 Tact	57.38	60.95	+0.76	1.45
Technology	132.63	141.19	+0.07	1.64
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	428.60	457.20	+1.70	2.74
American	301.20	319.70	+3.20	0.64
Pacific	391.10	417.20	+4.50	0.47
European	589.10	630.10	+4.30	1.40
Worldwide	95.50	100.10	+0.60	0.63
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	285.70	316.70	+1.30	2.28
-do- Accum	379.40	403.70	+1.30	2.28
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	227.50	241.90	-0.40	1.78
-do- Accum	275.90	293.60	-0.40	1.78
Select Opportunity Inc	77.29	82.67	+0.21	1.98
Income Plus Inc	76.10	80.98	+0.30	3.89
European Inc	370.30	394.00	+2.70	1.16
-do- Accum	421.90	448.90	+2.70	1.16
Far Eastern Inc	177.50	188.90	+2.70	0.09
-do- Accum	204.10	217.20	+2.70	0.09
Japanese Inc	66.91	69.74	+0.73	
Nth American Inc	272.80	290.30	+3.90	0.63
-do- Accum	301.60	320.90	+3.98	0.63

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	213.20	226.80	-2.60	0.62
Wwide Venture Inc	84.90	90.32	+1.10	1.25
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	396.90	423.30	-0.68	2.55
-do- Accum	596.10	635.80	-0.92	2.55
UK High Inc	192.20	205.00	+0.28	3.50
-do- Accum	389.10	397.30	+0.38	3.50
Europe Inc	430.40	458.90	-2.30	0.37
Nth Amer Inc	254.30	271.20	-0.70	
Global Inc	235.40	251.10	-0.30	0.21
Global Acc	253.60	270.50	-0.40	0.21
UK Spec Sits Inc	110.20	117.60	+0.30	3.26
South East Asia	228.40	243.60	+2.80	0.22
Cash Trust Inc	101.50	101.50		5.98
UK Smlr Cos Inc	113.80	121.40	-0.10	2.03
-do- Accum	117.80	125.60	-0.10	2.03
Intl Bond Inc	94.69	100.50	+0.50	5.78
SEMPER EADEN FUND MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	150.10	157.70		4.23
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	139.10	148.40	+0.30	0.94
Nth American	123.20	129.70	-0.10	
Intl Bond & Curr	126.90	133.80	+0.40	8.86
Pooled Pension (E)	209.30	225.00	+1.90	2.00
Smaller Cos	91.22	98.02	-0.01	1.19
UK General	147.90	155.70	+0.20	1.95
Far Eastern	96.90	102.00	+0.60	
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	118.07	... †	-0.81	
Aztec ‡	65.38	... †	-0.64	
European ‡	137.94	... †	+0.73	0.29
Global Bond ‡	92.10	... †	+0.43	8.58
Investment Trust ‡	105.18	... †	-0.03	2.03
Preferred Income ‡	100.20	... †	+0.29	5.98
Strategic ‡	53.64	... †	+0.94	
Sterling Reserve ‡	99.94	... †	+0.04	6.00
UK Growth ‡	106.51	... †	+0.40	2.32
Tai Pan ‡	100.32	... †	+1.06	
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	104.32	... †	+0.07	2.84
UK Equity Inc ‡	103.30	... †	+0.14	5.61
Bish Gwth PEP	69.56	74.00	+0.33	
Pref Inc PEP #	98.29	104.19	+0.30	4.97
Inv Trust PEP	51.47	54.75	-0.03	
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	375.80	397.70	-7.00	
Canadian	69.48	73.50	-0.41	0.96
Capital	133.50	142.90	+0.09	1.57
Cash	100.23	100.23	+0.01	6.07
European	147.50	156.10	-0.60	0.79
Far Eastern	155.40	164.50	-1.80	
Growth	147.20	155.80	+0.80	1.23
Income	136.10	144.00	-0.10	4.92
Magnum	143.60	153.70	+0.80	1.69
Smlr Secs	448.00	485.60	+0.70	0.84
Thoroughbred	168.60	178.30	+0.90	1.44
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Capital Primera	54.76	58.56	+0.13	0.00
Ethical	66.37	71.37	-0.07	2.30
European Growth	75.80	81.27	+0.56	3.00
Income	58.01	62.37	+0.04	5.70
Intl Growth	101.80	109.10	+0.60	3.19
Managed	85.30	92.79	+0.43	3.60
UK Growth	68.78	73.95	+0.14	3.10
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	43.04	43.26	+0.10	1.89
Global Advtg Acc	45.42	45.66	+0.10	1.89
Income Advtg Inc	33.62	33.79	+0.18	3.28
Income Advtg Acc	37.92	38.11	+0.10	3.28
UK Equity Gth Acc	79.94	84.74	+0.38	0.76
Premier Inc Inc	47.97	50.49	+0.30	7.50
Premier Inc Acc	47.97	50.49	+0.30	7.50
Managed Acc	56.11	59.48	+0.20	1.43
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	38.37	40.68		3.80
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	49.13	52.08		3.80
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	69.36	73.78	+0.10	2.13
UK Equity Gen Inc	50.83	53.80	+0.18	2.13
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.65	32.42		6.23
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	338.40	365.00	+2.48	1.87
Nth American Acc	52.08	55.34	+0.18	0.14
Far East Acc	70.55	74.95	+0.70	0.47
European Acc	56.08	59.57	-0.10	0.80
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global X (US$)	4.117	4.365	+0.035	1.96
US Eqty (US$)	2.904	3.081	+0.023	1.10
Far East Eqty (yen)	347.80	384.20	+3.20	...
Japan Eqties (yen)	216.60	228.00		
FT Europe	138.50	147.20	-0.013	1.38
FT N Amer (US$)	2.191	2.322	+0.10	0.49
FT Japan (yen)	213.10	226.80	+2.00	
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.597	2.781	+0.008	0.93
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	432.40	459.00	-1.30	
British #	1148.00	1214.60	+2.86	3.12
Emerging Mkts	137.40	146.40	+1.20	0.45
European	573.90	612.06	+4.50	0.52
Japan	139.60	147.80	+2.00	
New Pacific	393.60	419.20	+1.50	1.58
-do- Accum	419.60	446.90	+1.60	1.50
Inv Trust Acc	276.80	293.40	-0.40	0.80
Mngd Equity	188.00	196.80	+0.70	1.64
Mngd Cash	95.43	95.43	+0.01	6.95
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 380				
Equity	925.80	990.20	+4.30	2.71
North America	169.90	181.40	-0.30	0.61
Far East	152.90	163.50	+2.60	0.19
Wwide Bond	58.73	62.32	+0.48	5.16
European	111.80	119.60	+1.40	1.52
Equity Income #	98.74	105.60	+0.40	5.70
Portfolio	94.72	101.30	+0.70	2.19
UK Leading Cos	68.09	72.63	+0.29	3.02
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	70.09	74.96	-0.02	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Access UT	22.56	24.01	+0.25	0.74
European	41.77	44.44	+0.45	0.65
High Income	34.06	36.24	+0.11	4.20
Japan	35.32	37.58	+0.49	0.01
Managed Assets	134.52	143.86	+0.80	2.54
North American	37.51	39.91	+0.25	0.70
Smlr Co's Inc	32.26	34.32	+0.03	2.43
Smlr Co's Acc	34.58	36.79	+0.03	2.43
UK Growth Inc	60.94	64.83	+0.24	2.71
UK Growth Acc	66.95	71.23	+0.27	2.71
UK Income	43.93	46.99	+0.09	3.15
Worldwide Grth	37.60	40.22	+0.20	0.88
Confederation				
Canadian Exempt	81.68	85.58	+0.75	2.04
European Exempt	88.11	90.84	+0.69	1.88
Pacific Exmpt	80.89	82.78	+0.90	0.91
US Exempt	83.81	88.47	+0.61	1.66
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	52.98	56.36	-0.04	
Cap Protector Inc	42.58	45.30	+0.09	2.79
UK Income Inc	54.62	58.11	+0.13	3.20
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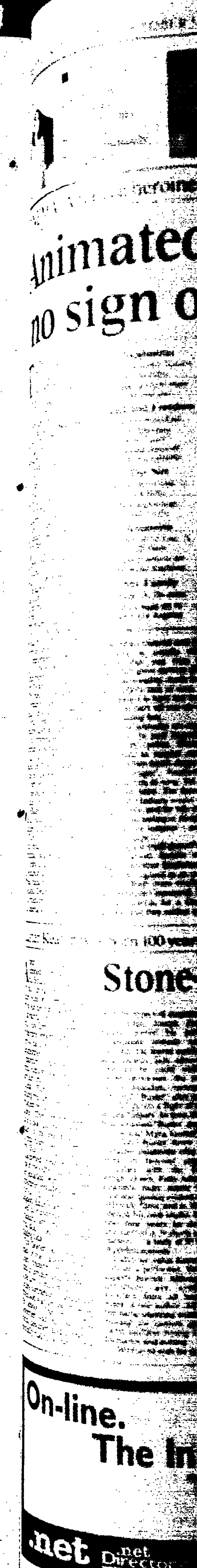
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■ FILM 1

Disney dips into history for *Pocahontas*, but ends up with an unusually dull cartoon



■ FILM 2

... whereas Ken Loach turns history into a blazing Spanish Civil War epic in *Land and Freedom*

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■ FILM 3

... and cinema's own history is recalled in a centenary tribute to Buster Keaton at the NFT



■ POP

Happy to be freaks on the rock landscape: the Red Hot Chili Peppers hit Brixton

CINEMA: A native heroine undergoes plastic surgery and leaves **Geoff Brown** cold; while Ken Loach heads for Spain

Animated, but no sign of life



Disney's full-length cartoon of the "American Indian" heroine Pocahontas may be politically correct, but it lacks teeth in every sense of the phrase

The true story of Captain John Smith and Pocahontas, the Native American girl who saved him from death, has been wrapped in the myths of time ever since the early 17th century. But until Disney's cartoon, **Pocahontas**, none of the myths suggested that Smith — a bewhiskered British soldier of fortune — was a strapping lad with blue eyes, blow-dried blond hair, a weightlifter's neck, and the strong, sexy tones of Mel Gibson. You learn something every day.

Pocahontas is made over, too. Facts indicate that this local chieftain's daughter was no more than 12 when she pleaded for Smith's life and ministered to the English colony in Virginia. Disney's artists have aged her some ten years, given her hair billowing down to the waist, and a singing voice that could shake leaves from trees. The girl has also suffered bizarre plastic surgery: she has, especially when seen head on, no nose at all, and precious little cheekbone.

The important question, though, is how well these characters function in whatever story *Pocahontas* elects to tell. The pair throb usefully with romantic love. Young audiences should also enjoy Pocahontas's pets, a scampering racoon and a hummingbird. Yet compared to the exuberance of *Aladdin* or the stark tale of good and evil embodied in *The Lion King*, this slice of "Disneyfied" history is short on punch; and the general brooding tone may not please the very young.

As villains go, Ratcliffe, rapacious head of the British expedition, is all flash and no fire. There is not even a rousing finale; just a slow improbable fadeout as Smith, after stopping a bullet meant for Pocahontas's father, is shipped back to England for his health. Didn't the Indians have a medicine man?

The animation mastermind-

Pocahontas
Odeon Leicester Square, U, 81 mins
Disney cartoon plays safe and dull

Land and Freedom
Curzon West End, 15, 109 mins
Ken Loach's blazing Spanish Civil War drama

The Net
Odeon West End, 12, 114 mins
New technology, old thrills

Assassins
Warner West End, 15, 125 mins
Decent vehicle for Sylvester Stallone

My Family
Plaza, 15, 126 mins
Trite saga set in east Los Angeles

ed by Mike Gabriel and Eric Goldberg is usually silky-smooth, but you miss the detail that gives cartoon characters personality. Aside from Pocahontas's lack of nose, no one appears to have any teeth: when lips part, all you see is a white oblong box.

Political attitudes are equally blurry. To pass inspection by the PC police, Disney's team had to respect native cultures when Smith drops the word "savages". Pocahontas upbraids him in song. Yet old habits die hard. The faces of some male Indians would suit a cigar store, and the tidy story conveys the feeling of things — genocide, for instance — swept under a carpet.

Telling the truth about Pocahontas would involve marriage to another Englishman, a year in England as an exotic trophy, death from smallpox, and burial in Gravesend. This is not material for a Disney cartoon: but then neither is the sanitised fantasy we have before us. Who wants a cartoon that is dull?

The Spanish Civil War has generated its own myths, and the Liverpool lad played by Ian Hart in Ken Loach's very impressive **Land and Freedom** believes quite a number himself. "It's a people's army, just ordinary men and women fighting for a cause," he writes to his girlfriend back home. "Socialism in action."

Unemployed, buoyed by rhetoric, he has sallied forth in 1936 to support the Republicans in Spain. Attached to a socialist militia, his mind hardens. Woolly ideals give way to hard questions. Then comes disillusionment. "The party stinks, kid," he writes. Group infighting and Stalin's betrayal of the cause leave the red flag in tatters and Fascists on the march.

Land and Freedom gives Ken Loach his largest canvas to date. Instead of housing estates and pubs, the drama is played out with battalions, machine guns, rocky landscapes and a superb cast. No epic gestures for Loach, of course: the camerawork stays plain, fully absorbed by the actors' faces. But the narrative sweep supplies a powerful new dimension.

Loach and his writer, Jim Allen, have another achievement to celebrate. They make politics matter. Apathy or cynicism may rule today, but the people in *Land and Freedom* believe in revolutionary change to create a better world. Loach brings his own visual revolution: where most films indulge in cinematic blitz warfare, Loach's camera stays still for minutes on end as the fighters argue over the collectivisation of land.

Not every part of Jim Allen's script works well. The passionate romance with Rosana Pastor's Spanish girl appears a dutiful nod to mainstream conventions. The framing device gives much greater resonance: these memories of the Thirties come filtered through Hart's letters, found after his death. As we shuttle between Spain and a drab Liverpool, Loach ensures this is no tale from a museum, but a living story of hopes and follies, fiercely relevant to the years after communism's collapse.

The Net appears hotly relevant too. This is a film for the Internet age, with purloined diskettes, double-clicked mice and hacked-into databases. But look below the surface. Irwin Winkler has really made a clumsy but enjoyable old-fashioned thriller, full of women in peril, shadowy alleys, car chases and picturesque locations. A Hitchcock movie in modern dress.

But not quite. Even in his dotage Hitchcock would never have allowed so many implausibilities into his script. He would also never have accepted Sandra Bullock. Hitch liked his heroines blonde, enigmatic and icy: Bullock's computer expert — shy, ordinary, auburn-haired — is someone you want to stroke, like a pet.

While testing a CD-Rom game, she stumbles across a network of hackers able to inflict disaster on the most sensitive computers. Here the script skates on the thinnest of ice. Does no institution back-up its databases? And how convenient of Bullock to have almost no friends and a mother suffering from Alzheimer's: when computers wipe out her very identity, who can hear her clamour?

In his flashiest enterprise since turning director with *Guilty By Suspicion*, Winkler still lacks visual finesse, but he generates enough suspense for short-term success. And if Jeremy Northam's nastily charming British hacker seems a standard-issue villain, Sandra Bullock's Everywoman is someone we all want to root for. Her magic may not last, but at the moment she can twist audiences round her finger.

Sylvester Stallone can do that through muscle power alone, though recent vehicles have not given him much chance. **Assassins**, directed by Richard Donner, is no masterpiece, but it certainly improves on *The Specialist*. You can spot the film's ambitions early on when Stallone's contract killer invites his target to do the deed himself. "It's chambered," Sly says, passing the gun. Not loaded: chambered.

Stallone is a melancholy chap. Wears glasses, plays chess. The Cold War's end has spoilt the game, and he wants out. He finds a soulmate in Julianne Moore, the cunning surveillance expert he is paid to eliminate: her only friend is a fluffy cat. Antonio Banderas completes the triangle, an impudent hired gun who shadows Stallone's every move.

The script aims to give these characters depth, but Donner is not cut out for anything fancy. Give him explosives, air-conditioning ducts and collapsing floors and he does the expected nicely enough. The players bounce off each other well, and relish what humour there is. "She likes me," Stallone purrs as Moore's cat makes for his lap. "She likes dead fish, too," she replies.

There is nothing tart about **My Family**, a sweet-toothed family saga from Gregory Nava, who ten years ago followed the American progress of Guatemalan refugees in his acclaimed *El Norte*. Now his immigrants are Mexican. Over three decades in east Los Angeles they get born, get married, get shot and go to jail. The dusky colours are pleasing and some of the performances touch the heart; but the film's emotions are as glib as the commentary, spoken, in sepulchral tones, by Edward James Olmos. "The corn was green the day that Jimmy came home," he intones. Corn indeed.

Buster Keaton was born 100 years ago this week. **David Robinson** celebrates a master of every comic technique

Stone-faced genius of slapstick

A brave, absurd, stiff-limbed, convulsive little figure in his flat hat, with his "great stone face", Buster Keaton remains an icon of our century, a perennial favourite in the poster shops. His films — when we get the rare opportunity to see them — have lost nothing of their freshness.

Opportunity knocks this month. Keaton was born 100 years ago this week, and the National Film Theatre is marking the centenary with a retrospective of his 12 silent features. They prove again that it is not just the romantic fantasy of the nostalgists to say that they cannot make films like this any more. Visual comedy reached a high point in the 1920s that has not been equalled. Keaton's contemporaries included Chaplin, Harold Lloyd, Harry Langdon, Laurel and Hardy, as well as hundreds of minor comedians, any one of whose comic skills would seem outstanding today.

This Golden Age was the legacy of the vaudeville and variety theatres that flourished in Britain and America at the turn of the century. The fiercely competitive vaudeville profession was an incomparable school. The music-hall performer was his own scenarist, designer and director. He really had to be the master of every aspect of stagecraft.

At three, Joseph Francis Keaton joined his parents' knockabout comedy vaudeville act. He learnt acrobatics and comedy falls almost as soon as he could walk. A fellow performer, the young Harry Houdini, nicknamed the child "Buster" after seeing him fall down a flight of stairs without injury. In time, the act was renamed "Buster, assisted by Joe and Myra Keaton".

In 1917 Buster threw up a lucrative vaudeville offer — to work in two-reel slapstick comedies with the heavyweight clown, Fatty Arbuckle. Keaton's more subtle influence was quickly evident in the Arbuckle films: and in 1920 he opened his own studio. In the next nine years he directed and starred in 19 shorts and 12 features — a body of 30 hours of perfect comedy.

Today we value Keaton not only as a performer, but as a superb director. Although co-directors are credited, Keaton's films all bear the mark of one author. All show the same unerring instinct for placing the camera and the same faultless timing in performance and cutting.

"We stayed with the story all



Buster: so called after falling down stairs without injury

of the way," Keaton recalled. "In the old days all of us — Chaplin, Lloyd, Langdon and myself — worked with our writers from the day they started on a story. We checked on the scenery, the cast, the locations. We directed our own pictures, making up our own gags as we went along, saw the rushes, supervised the cutting, went to the sneak preview."

Keaton's gags, characterised by their mechanical ingenuity and precision, are choreographed into marvellous, escalating enchainments which, after 70 years, still invariably draw a round of applause.

He spared no pains. In the climactic scene of *Our Hospitality* he swings on a rope over a veritable Niagara to rescue the heroine at the brink of the torrent. In *Steamboat Bill Jr*, a house falls upon him: he is saved only by an open window which fortuitously fits round him.

Such scenes were done without tricks or doubles. Keaton's ruling aesthetic principle was that his comedy must be "funny without being ridiculous". In a sense he was the most realistic of comedians: however fantastic, we know that the incidents in his films are possible, because we witness him doing them. The price was often high. He broke his neck making *Sherlock Jr*, and came close to drowning on *Our Hospitality*.

The design and production values of Keaton's films are always exceptional. His principal prop for *The Navigator* is a real ocean liner. *Our Hospitality*, with its marvellous early steam train, is a ravishing re-creation of the rural scene of the last century. *The General* evokes the Civil War with the documentary fidelity of Matthew Brady: Keaton explained that it looks so much more realistic than *Gone With the Wind* because "they went to a novel; we went back to history".

The myth of "the great stone face" is deceiving. Keaton was a supremely expressive actor. If he never smiled, it was because "I had other ways of showing I was happy". He acted with his entire body; though equally he could express ecstasy merely by a slow lowering of the lids of his beautiful, pensive eyes.

Keaton's creative career virtually ended when he was only 34. With the coming of sound and the consolidation of the great studios, there was no longer a place for individualists like him.

Against his better judgment he forfeited the independence of his own studio to become an employee of MGM. He found himself subordinated to producers and scripts and schedules, and the tyrannical studio head, Louis B. Mayer.

His few sound features fell far short of his silents. For a quarter of a century Keaton found himself a Hollywood outcast, sick and alcoholic, grateful for crumbs of work.

Happily, having overcome the alcoholism, he lived to see his reputation restored, along with his old films. He starred again, at the Cirque Medrano in Paris; and was much in demand for guest spots in television and films — notably *Sunset Boulevard*. His final appearance was in Richard Lester's *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, released just after his death on February 1, 1966.

● *The Buster Keaton season continues at the National Film Theatre throughout October. Box office: 0171-928 3232*

Try a Pepper army

POP

Red Hot Chili Peppers
Brixton Academy

THIRTEEN years down the road and the Red Hot Chili Peppers have achieved massive international success while remaining fiercely unaligned to any "movement" or generic tendency in rock. Part heavy metal, part jazz-funk, part rap act, they are a freak of nature on the rock landscape and happy to keep it that way. But my, it is hard work.

Whereas in the old days a band's collective identity might hinge on an unusual haircut or a distinctive style of clothing, to be a Chili Pepper entails frequent visits to the tattoo parlour and bodybuilding club and a fondness for cross-dressing.

Looking more like a boxer than a drummer, Chad Smith arrived on stage at Brixton in a dressing gown, which an assistant peeled off for him before he mounted his kit. Bass player Flea, the original illustrated rock'n'roll man, wore Bermuda shorts only, while the saturnine guitarist Dave Navarro sported black tights and a pair of big, glinting rings pinned through his nipples. Singer Anthony Kiedis, his hair cascading down to his backside, wore a black, waitress dress and white apron.

They started with *Give It Away* and *Suck My Kiss*, quickly conjuring a mood of controlled pandemonium as Flea lurched about in frantic flea-like hops. Kiedis tossed his mane of hair like a go-go dancer from hell, and Smith hurled drumsticks high into the audience.

The rhythm section of Flea and Smith performed sensationally throughout, but Kiedis was more variable. Always a forceful presence, he was at his best on the ballad *Under The Bridge* and the genial, sing-song rap of *Walkabout*. But his technical limitations became increasingly apparent on the louder numbers which predominated, when he tended to resort to a tuneless bawl.

Increasingly, it was Flea who became the star of the show. After a verse of David Bowie's *Sound And Vision*, they swept into their celebrated version of Stevie Wonder's *Higher Ground*, essentially a showcase for Flea's high-energy slap-bass playing.

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■ CHOICE 1

Idomeneo staged with Anthony Rolfe-Johnson in the title-role

VENUE: From tonight at the New Theatre, Cardiff

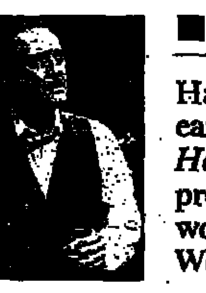


■ CHOICE 2

Oscar Wilde's *An Ideal Husband* opens Salisbury's refurbished theatre

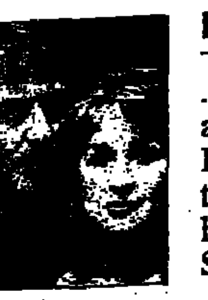
VENUE: From tonight at the Playhouse

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■ THEATRE 1

Harold Pinter's early play, *The Hothouse*, proves well worthy of its West End outing



■ THEATRE 2

... while under a viaduct in Halifax, strange things are happening to Shakespeare

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

GANGSTER NO 1 Final week of performances for Louis Mellis and David Scinto's bloodily persuasive view of London's underworld. Jonathan Kent's fine cast includes Richard Johnson's growling godfather and Peter Bowles playing frighteningly against type, astonishingly convincing as a hellish killer
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404) Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm

FAVOURITES FROM DE FALLA *Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos leads the* London Symphony Orchestra for a colourful Spanish programme tonight, opening with his own orchestrations of Albeniz's Suite Espagnola. De Falla's *Nights in the Gardens of Spain* and suites from his ballet music *The Three-Cornered Hat* follow, and Alicia de Larrocha is the pianist.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tonight, 7.30pm

WADAIKO ICHIRO DRUMMERS All the cliché superlatives really do fit the bill for this Japanese drumming troupe, returning to the UK after taking last year's Edinburgh Festival by storm. An explosively choreographed combination of 1,500 years of tradition and contemporary spectacle make for an event you won't soon forget.
Hackney Empire (0181-985 2424) Tonight-Sat, 8pm

ELSEWHERE

CARDIFF: Welsh National Opera revives Howard Davies's acclaimed 1991 production of Mozart's first undisputed masterpiece, *Idomeneo*, the opera is his grandest and most serious, wrapped in the passions of raging tempests and sacrifices to Neptune. Sir Charles Mackerras conducts, with Anthony Rolfe-Johnson leading the cast.
New, Park Place, Cardiff (01222 878889) *Tonight, 7.15pm*

IPSWICH. Shared Experience begins its latest tour here: Polly Teale's production of *Eugene O'Neill's* **Desire Under the Elms**. Gabrielle Reidy plays the girl loved by the son of the farmer she married.
Wolsey, Civic Drive (01473 253725) Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Tue-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm. Until Oct 14.

NOTTINGHAM. Matthew Kelly plays the sinister showman in **The Cabinet of Doktor Caligari**, inspired by the German silent classic. Mark Duncan directs what promises to be one of the theatrical highlights of the season, with choreography by Bunty Mathias and Annabel Haydon. A co-production with the Lyric Hammersmith, London.
Playhouse, Wellington Circus (0115-941 9419) Previews tonight and opens tomorrow, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; Oct 14, 2.30pm. Until Oct 21

SALISBURY: The newly refurbished theatre opens with Nicholas Le Prevost's production of **An Ideal Husband**, Wilde's witty and perceptive exposé of sleaze in high political places.
Playhouse, Malthouse Lane (01722 320333). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Wed, 7.30pm; Thur-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm. Until Oct 28.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Art of African Textiles (0171-638 4141) . . **British Museum**: Passionate Art of Utamaro (0171-636 1555) . . **Design Museum**: Paul Smith True Brit (0171-378 6055) . . **National Gallery**: Myths and Fables: Three Paintings by Piero di Cosimo (0171-747 2885) . . **National Portrait Gallery**: BP Portrait Award (0171-306 0055) . . **Royal Academy**: Africa: Art of a Continent (0171-439 7438) **Serpentine**, Big City: Artists from Africa (0171-723 9072) . . **Tate**: Sketching the Sky: Turner watercolours (0171-887 8000) . . **V & A**, Designs for Georgian Architecture (0171-938 8500) . . **Whitechapel**, Seven Stories about Modern Art in Africa (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

◪ **BLUE ON BLUE**: Opening night for a new play by award-winning author Matthew Bentley: the traumas of war (Falklands version) and a guilty secret between a young CO and his sergeant.
Old Red Lion, St John's St, EC1 (0171-837 7816) Tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm until Nov 4

■ **DEAD FUNNY**: Belinda Lang, Kevin McNally and Sam Kelly in Terry Johnson's sharply funny play about comics and some of their fans.
Savoy, The Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 5pm

☐ **FUNNY MONEY**: Ray Cooney as a man who picks up the wrong briefcase and finds himself richer by £735,000 in used £50 notes. The ensuing havoc involves Sylvia Sims, Henry McGee and Charlie Drake.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

■ **THE GLASS MENAGERIE**: Fine performances by Zoë Wanamaker, Claire Skinner, Ben Chaplin and Mark Dexter in Tennessee Williams's elegiac play of false hopes and shattered dreams.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732) Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat and Sun, 4pm

☐ **HOW TO LIVE**: Exhilarating deconstruction of the erotic content of Ibsen drama, performed by four members of Volcano Theatre, directed by Nigel Charnock.

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National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. Next on Oct 11.

◪ **MACBETH**: Mark Rylance's totally strange production with himself as king. Talk about weird sisters: weird, everything. Jane Horrocks plays the Queen.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Phone for ticket availability.

◪ **PENTECOST**: In the opinion of many, the best play of 1994: David Edgar explores the conflicting claims of art and nationalism, tourism and the needs of the poor, all set in an abandoned church in Eastern Europe. Final performances
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363) Today, 2pm and 7.15pm.

◪ **RAT IN THE SKULL**: *The Royal Court Classics Season opens with Ron Hutchinson's 1984 drama: Tony Foyle's RUC detective grills Rufus Sewell, caught with explosives. Stephen Daldry directs.*
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122) Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3pm. Opens Oct 11, 7pm. Phone box office to confirm ticket availability.

☐ **TAKING SIDES**: Enthralling drama by Ronald Harwood, based on the investigations of conductor Furtwängler's alleged Nazi sympathies. Superb performances by Daniel Massey and Michael Pennington.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, WC2 (0171-369 1747) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm

■ **TAP DOGS**: Marvellous percussive tap dance performed by six Aussies in boots on a building site. Final week.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (0171-713 6000) Tonight, 8pm. Fri, Sat, 7pm and 9.30pm

◪ **THREE TALL WOMEN**: Maggie Smith returns, with Sara Kestelman and Samantha Bond, in Edward Albee's fascinating play about the adoptive mother who withered his childhood.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736) Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

COLD FEVER (15): A Japanese visitor journeys across Iceland, wonderful, droll film from director Fridrik Thór Fridriksson, packed with stunning images.
Everyman (0171-435 1525) **MGM Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

♦ **FORGET PARIS** (12): Can Billy Crystal and Debra Winger make their love affair stick? Do we care? A bumpy romantic comedy.
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

FUNNY BONES (15): Comedy and tears with a showbusiness family. Over-ambitious film from *Hear My Song* director Peter Chelsom, with an eye-grabbing turn from Lee Evans. With Oliver Platt, Jerry Lewis and Leslie Caron.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture** (0171-498 3323) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

♦ **APOLLO 13** (PG): The near-fatal moon mission of 1970. Splendid images, but conventional drama. With Tom Hanks, Kevin Bacon and Ed Harris; director, Ron Howard.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Empire** (0990 888990) **MGMs: Baker St** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Rd** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

THE BIG SLEEP (PG): Classic 1940s thriller with Humphrey Bogart as Philip Marlowe and a famously impenetrable plot. With Lauren Bacall; director, Howard Hawks.
Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721)

♦ **BRAVEHEART** (15): Overly blood-thirsty epic, with Mel Gibson as the 13th century Scottish rebel William Wallace. Gibson also directs.
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♦ **THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY** (12): Best-selling romantic tosh given the kid-glove treatment by director Clint Eastwood, who co-stars with Meryl Streep.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

THE CITY OF LOST CHILDREN (15): Indigestible fantasy from Jeunet and Caro, the *Delicatessen* duo; crammed with digital effects, low on tension. With Ron Perlman and Daniel Emilfork.
MGMs: Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

♦ **THE QUICK AND THE DEAD** (15): Gunslinger Sharon Stone versus bad man Gene Hackman. Dull and preposterous; directed by Sam Raimi.
Odeon West End (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

♦ **WATERWORLD**: Aquatic folly with spectacular action but not enough script. With Kevin Costner, Dennis Hopper and Jeanne Tripplehorn.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

♦ **WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING** (PG): Sandra Bullock poses as the fiancée of a comatose hunk. Agreeable vehicle for a refreshing new star. With Bill Pullman and Peter Gallagher. Director, Jon Turteltaub.
MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

THE YOUNG POISONER'S HANDBOOK (15): Assured but nasty black comedy about a schoolboy poisoner from the London suburbs. A first feature by Benjamin Ross.
Lumiere (0171-836 0691) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

Pinter returns to the Roote of all evil

The Hothouse
Comedy

This is the play that Pinter wrote after *The Birthday Party* had received such a pasting from the London critics that it closed at the end of its first week. He decided against trying to stage it and went on to write *The Caretaker* instead. *The Hothouse* languished for 20 years before he looked at it again and directed it himself, at Hampstead, in 1980. This is its first major production since then, and arrives in London from its run at Chichester.

Today we can enjoy what audiences in 1959 might not have appreciated, a play in which Pinter introduced mystery and menace, but also a succession of encounters that are very funny. Pinter was writing revue sketches at the time, and when a number of these were broadcast, the programme included two excerpts from *The Hothouse*. One contained the prosaic, unforgettable line, "The snow has turned to slush", that must have sounded unnerving out of context. In the other excerpt an obliging young man named Lamb is subjected to a barrage of personal questions — "Are you *virgo intacta*? Have you always been *virgo intacta*? From the word go?"

In the current production the naive Lamb (Christien Anholt) is taken to an interviewing room. Electrodes are placed on his hands and head, and the interrogation ends with him in a catatonic trance. This is far from being a humorous event, but Pinter already shows himself to be master of the art of turning comedy to terror in a sentence.

The play is set in some kind of mental hospital. The Governor, Colonel Roote, is showing signs of strain: his creepily efficient assistant, Gibbs, manoeuvres events to his advantage; the energies of the artfully sycophantic Lush are more taken up with verbal victories. A patient has died. Another has given birth to a boy. It is Christmas Day.

A curiosity of David Jones's tense and excellent direction is the introduction of a Christmas carol to preface each act. Taken along with the mysterious birth and the name of the sacrificial victim, it is impossible not to suppose that the play is contrasting some notion of Christian hope with the ruthless reality of the organisation that contains and destroys it.

Of the portraits Pinter draws of his scheming apparatchiks, all except Gibbs (John Shrapnel — excellent) are presented as victims of one another, scoring pompous little victories but deflated soon afterwards. Celia Imrie's erotic Miss Cutts describes herself as a spider caught in a web, and this image describes them all.

Pinter himself plays Roote, nodding with absurd self-approval and allowing his accent to hurtle down the social register as drink and panic take their toll. His scenes with Tony Haygarth's Lush are marvellously comic.

Whatever his reasons for once discarding this early play, a precursor of his political plays of the 1980s, he did well to disinter it.

JEREMY KINGSTON

MARILYN KINGWILL



Like spiders caught in a web: the scheming apparatchiks of Pinter's 20-year-old play include Celia Imrie as Miss Cutts and Harold Pinter himself as Colonel Roote

Cleo's monument to brown ale and chips

Antony and Cleopatra
Viaduct, Halifax

WE HAVE Enobarbus's word that the barge Cleopatra sat in was like a burnished throne, and came complete with gold poop, purple sails, silver oars, and a pair of pretty dimpled boys. But Barrie Rutter's production suggests that this was not her usual mode of transport. Ishia Bennison's Cleo has surely taken the bus from Leeds via Pudsey to the brick vaults that lie below one of Halifax's Victorian viaducts, accompanied by spotty United fans slurping fish and chips.

Well, why not? Rutter's Northern Broadsides has deservedly won friends and awards with its punchy, Yorkshire-dialect revivals of *Richard III*, *Merry Wives* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. After some of the fussy, pretentious productions I have seen of late, its pace and rough-theatre style seem highly refreshing. It takes the actors just 70 minutes to get to the Battle of Actium and, though there are cuts en route, these prove neither irksome nor confusing. And they reach Cleopatra's Monument faster than I sometimes do when I take a Tube to the station of the same name.

There is a curious opening, in which boys spoof the lovers from a makeshift stage on a trolley. But there is no need to worry. On come Rutter's Antony in his red shirt and fawn trousers and Bennison's Cleopatra in her white lace bodice and coral slacks. All becomes straightforward on what, apart from a low platform covered with drapes and cushions, is a long, bare corridor between a split audience.

Dave Hill's Enobarbus is a saloon-bar slouch who passes from complacency to sullen gloom to despair; Andrew Cryer's Octavius a sharp, shrewd type who, were he not conquering the world, would probably be rising fast in the Halifax CID. Deborah McAndrew's neat Octavia looks like a floor manager in a department store. David Fenwick's Maecenas is the only person whose suit is double-breasted, which is as it should be, for he is the richest person alive.

The approach produces some striking moments, some of them defiantly northern in character. Pompey's party takes place to the accompaniment of Lepidus on skiffle and Enobarbus on guitar, and the drink comes in bottles of brown or maybe pale ale from a red plastic container embossed with the name of Scottish and Newcastle Breweries. For the battles, Antony's troops change into heavy orange denim, the kind worn by steeplejacks, and batter oildrums at Octavius's blue-clad mob opposite.

One or two moments go further than even the company's closest friends can have wished. When the dying Antony is hauled over the wire mesh of the Monument, he finds himself stuck and smothered by Cleopatra. At that point Rutter's "let me speak a little" comes across as a polite version of "gerroff", and amused the first-night audience more than it should. But mostly the production fulfils its intention, which is presumably to give back the play to the groundlings, to strip away romantic gloss and grandeur without losing human vigour.

Vigour certainly marks both the main performances. Rutter trades sensuality and decay for solidity, dignity and a gruff tenderness. Bennison is a tough, streetwise woman whose reaction to unappealing news is to thump the messenger in the solar plexus, half-suffocate him with a cushion and then run at him with a knife. She is not the sort of Cleopatra with whom one can imagine canoodling in the shadows.

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Hilary Finch reports on a Shakespearean dialogue between British and Romanian students

Apart from eager sponsors, there's nothing a festival likes quite so much as a theme. Imagine the glee at the Cheltenham Literature Festival, which this year is planning a core of readings, discussions and performances on "writing in post-ideological society", when they discovered a comprehensive school round the corner with its own flourishing links with Romania. Why not send a group of students there, all expenses paid, with a brief to research contemporary Romanian theatre and Eastern European approaches to Shakespeare? Then get them to stage their findings on their return, and call it *The Rest is Silence*: a neat title for a neat slot.

But life has a way of being untidy, and things did not work out quite like that. For a start, the English-language production of *Hamlet* that the nine sixth-formers and two teachers of Chosen Hill comprehensive school, Churchdown, were intending to see turned out to be *Henry VI* — in Romanian. They found that out after a 26-hour round-trip by coach and truck from their host village of Sfintu-georghe (just north of Bucharest) to Timisoara.

They had already discovered that nobody really wanted to talk about the revolution anyway. Robert Dicks, Chosen Hill's head of drama, found that "they refuse to see the speedy overthrow and execution of Ceausescu in 1989 as a genuine uprising at all. There was a lot of stage-management at the time, and many people who were in power then are still at the helm now. They're not so frightened but there's a lot of caution, a lot of reluctance."

So the before-and-after thesis was finding little support for a start. The children noticed, too, that when they shared Shakespeare workshops with their contemporaries in the Szekely Mikó Kollegium, drama in schools was virtually unheard of. "A teacher stands at the front and gives out notes on Shakespeare, which they then have to learn. There's no debate. They seem very cautious about using their own brains," says 16-year-old Margaret Winsland. Improvisation and mime were totally new to the Romanian students; and this despite a flourishing centre for Shakespeare scholarship just round the corner, and a professional theatre in the vanguard of new Shakespeare production.

The researchers of Chosen Hill were hardly short of material. But they had to tease it out of a jumble of totally unexpected impressions, and create their own drama without compromising either Shakespeare's text or their own experiences. After much agonising, *Macbeth* seemed the most honest choice. "But," says Dicks, "we had to tread carefully. We've started from the point at which Macbeth takes power, and we've tried to examine how he keeps it, how it corrupts him, and the way he handles the resistance. The three witches, for example, are no longer external, supernatural beings, but part of an intriguing underground network."

More than the working out of any blow-by-blow concept, it has been the oblique, even subconscious, experiences of the students which are filtering through into their own production. There is, for instance, the power of communication which transcends language. Winsland again: "We couldn't understand what they were saying in *Henry VI*, but we could still feel it inside." Gayle Bellinger, the English teacher who also accompanied them, noted the way in which the language barrier, and the strong visual symbolism of the Timisoara production, actually released the less academic students, who had hitherto been reluctant to study Shakespeare, into a new enthusiasm for the work.

The nine students from Chosen Hill now have two obsessions. One is Shakespeare; and the other is how to bring their Romanian friends to England.

● *The Cheltenham Festival of Literature runs from tomorrow to Sunday October 15 (01242 227979)*

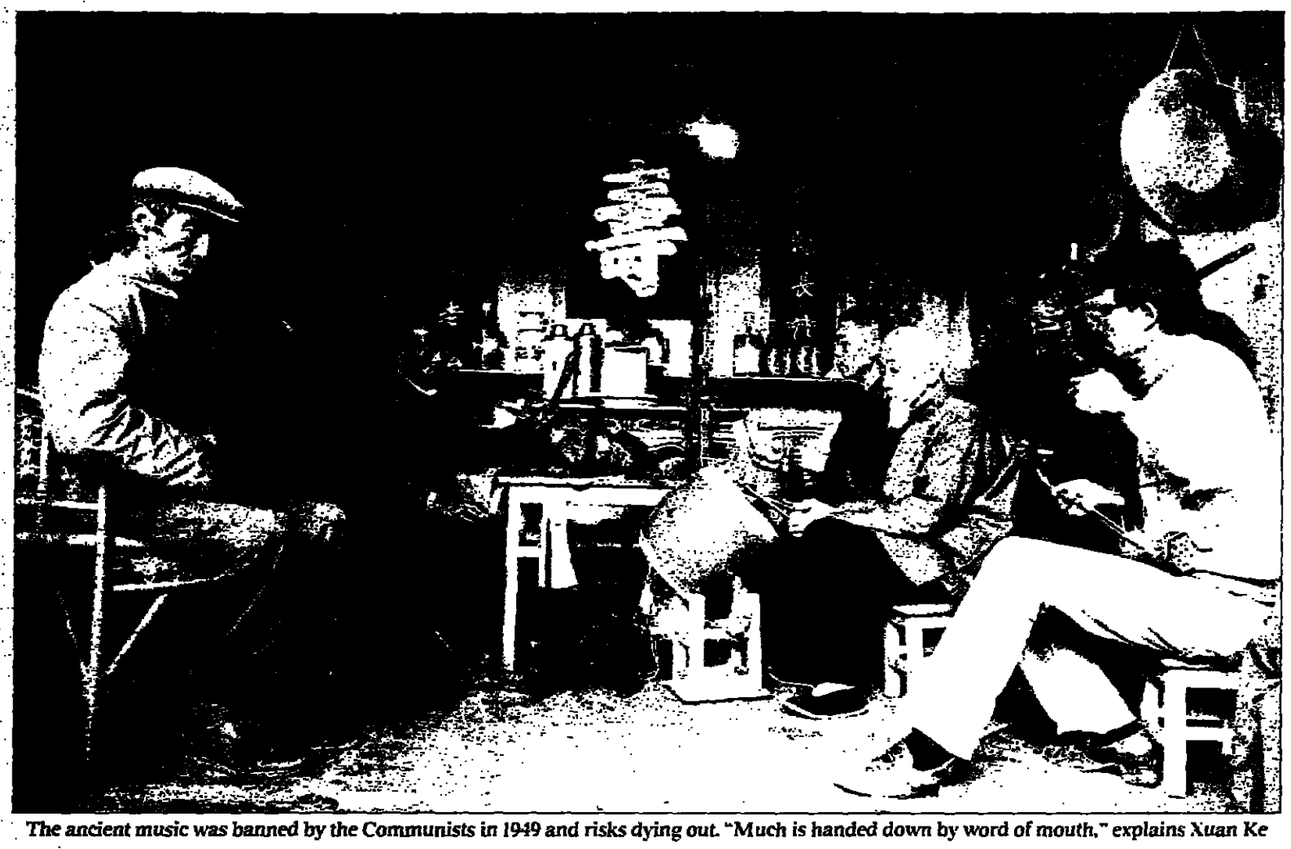
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YOUNG AT art

What's a Chinese village band doing on a tour of Britain? **Linda Christmas** reveals all

Have gongs, will finally travel



The ancient music was banned by the Communists in 1949 and risks dying out. "Much is handed down by word of mouth," explains Xuan Ke

Xuan Ke is a tourist attraction. He lives in a remote corner of southwest China. His birthplace, Lijiang in Yunnan province, is as pretty as a Cotswold village, which is why tourists head there in the first place. And then they find Xuan Ke. He leads an ensemble of elderly men who play ancient Chinese music. Foreign visitors are smitten by the soothing sound and his personality. He has never been outside China, but on Sunday he and nine members of the ensemble will play at the Purcell Room in London, followed by a recording session and concerts in Manchester, Hull and Birmingham.

Xuan Ke, who is 66, raced to the first question. "How much does this hotel cost?" he asked, glancing around the kind of room found in any four-star hotel. In Kunming, capital of Yunnan province, they are still a novelty.

"Ninety dollars a night," I answered. "That's two months' pension to me," he replied. His ease with strangers, and somewhat brash approach, undermines the Western view that all Chinese are inscrutable. But then Xuan Ke is not Han Chinese but Naxi, one of many ethnic minority groups in Yunnan. The Naxi, once Tibetan nomads, are forthright and proud of it. And proud, too, of their music-making.

Xuan Ke is credited with bringing Naxi *dongjing*, or Taoist bible music, back to life. The music of Han Chinese origin, was performed for many centuries. It is given a special Naxi sound by the use of locally made instruments. The ensemble includes bowed lutes, plucked lutes, bamboo flutes and exotic percussion instruments, including an eye-catching set of tuned gongs.

It was originally performed by members of Taoist scripture associations, socially exclusive clubs for educated men. The music accompanied ceremonies to celebrate festivals of various gods: The instruments all follow the same basic tune, but each embellishes it differently.

In 1949 the incoming Communists banned the associations. The secular pieces were still played until the Cultural Revolution, then they too were banned. In 1978 Xuan Ke began the revival. That was the year he came out of prison.

He began his musical career in the 1940s, studying piano and Western music at the Kunming academy. From 1958 until 1978 he was either in jail or a labour camp. "This was partly because of my interest in Western music, but also because I fell into a trap laid by Chairman Mao. He said we could talk freely: he said he wanted a hundred flowers to bloom and we believed him. So I became a spokesman for minorities. I don't talk about that period: people hated each other, spied on each other. You were even frightened of talking in your sleep."

In 1978 he returned to Lijiang to became a music teacher. Some older musicians were still alive. At first they played together for enjoyment. Then, encouraged by Xuan Ke, they began to rebuild the orchestra and train students.

"It is important now that we capture these traditions; much is handed down by word of mouth and is in danger of dying out. Also, the opening up of China means that young people are happier in the disco with Chinese pop music or with karaoke and Hung Fu." The government agrees: Xuan Ke is at last in tune with them.

The Asian Music Circuit is spending a large chunk of this year's budget bringing Xuan Ke's ensemble to England. Its commitment illustrates the growing interest in Chinese music, old and new. This summer's Proms included an evening of music from the Far East. The highlight was Wu Man, a virtuoso *pipa* (plucked lute) player. She now lives in America and demonstrated the blending of an old instrument with new ideas.

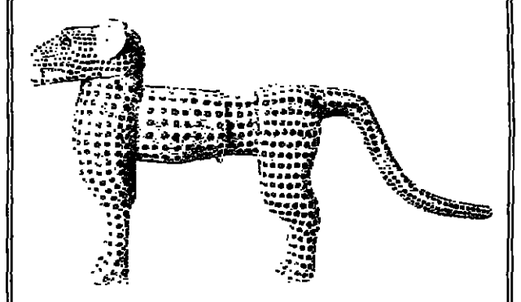
What's more, Tan Dun (also living in America) had a Proms slot to conduct his own works. A power cut deprived the audience of part of the programme, but Tan Dun is back again on October 22, this time at the Queen Elizabeth Hall with the London Sinfonietta. He will conduct his own music and that of four contemporaries, three living in the West. All will be joining him at a composers forum before the concert.

Tan Dun's last work, composed before he left China in 1986, is entitled *On Taoism*, and he readily admits the influence of the Taoist temple music being revived by Xuan Ke. "My grandmother was a Taoist, and the sounds of funerals and other rituals formed my early environment. Taoist music was particularly strong in my province, Hunan, as well as in Yunnan. My music is not religious, but it has a spiritual quality, and when I am conducting I feel like a high priest in a Taoist temple. My gestures, the movement of my hands and my arms, are influenced by the gestures used by a priest."

● *Naxi Music from China is at the Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1 on Sunday at 7.30pm. For tour details contact the Asian Music Circuit on 0181-742 9911*

VISIONS OF AFRICA

A daily series of items featured in the Royal Academy's current exhibition, *Africa — The Art of a Continent*



Leopard, Benin, Nigeria, 19th Century, ivory and copper. 47 x 88 cm

This decorative piece has been lent by The Queen to the *Africa* exhibition. The leopard is made in sections of ivory, and the copper spots are made from the bases of spent gun cartridges.

DANCE: **Debra Craine** welcomes Rambert's revival of a classic Robert Cohan work

A painful beauty

LONDON Contemporary Dance Theatre is no more, which means that if Robert Cohan's work is to live on it will have to be through other companies.

So hats off to Christopher Bruce, who has revived Cohan's ***Stabat Mater*** for his Rambert Dance Company. This is a beautiful and heartfelt work; to think it was almost consigned to history is unbelievable. *Stabat Mater* was made for LCDT (the company Cohan built) in 1975 and it seems a world away from the cynical manipulation of so much of today's new choreography. Its emotional impulses are intense and unblushing, yet contained within a fierce structural discipline that keeps mawkishness at bay. At its heart is the grief of the Virgin Mary, weeping for her Son on the Cross. In Cohan's creation her fate is pure, unadorned by superfluous intellectual colouring, and fuelled by such a sensual weight that pain and passion become intertwined.

The work is danced to Vivaldi's musical setting (played by the London Musici). With their long dresses and tightly wound hair, the nine Rambert women look like Graham Girls. The reference to Martha Graham is, of course, intentional; Cohan began his dancing career in America with the lady herself and in his subsequent choreography in this country he too drank from the well of blood-rich theatrical expressionism.

Graham's uniquely personal movement language is there in *Stabat Mater*: the beautifully shaped contractions: the slow rotation of the unfolding torso; the limbs straining to make contact with a tangible emotional reality. And, again like Graham, Cohan uses a chorus to describe and amplify the Virgin's maternal sorrow. A baroque formality informs the piece as these eight dancers are grouped, in their different poses, like precious figurines, while the central figure struggles alone.

The well-trained dancers of Rambert are glorious interpreters of *Stabat Mater*. They understand the physical weight of its economical and focused choreography, but the heavy emotional commitment is never overstated. As the central figure on opening night (at the Swan, High Wycombe), Sara Matthews was self-contained within her loss, her body etched with the damage of heartbreak. She was supported by a breathtaking chorus, particularly the mesmerising Kate Coyne.

The programme tells us that this restaging of *Stabat Mater* "has been made possible by a generous anonymous donation". A huge "thank you" to whoever that may be.

Phantom finish

THE TIMES THE THEATRE CLUB

THE best way to end Blow your Mind month, Britain's biggest ever celebration of theatre, is one that leaves you with very few brain cells to call your own. And few musicals come more spectacular than Andrew Lloyd-Webber's *Phantom of the Opera*. Now in its ninth year, *Phantom* stars Ethan Freeman in the story of the hideously disfigured madman who falls in love with and kidnaps a young and beautiful woman. The bare bones of the story, though, do nothing to capture the grandeur of the songs and, in particular, the sets — a show in themselves.

The Theatre Club has reserved a number of seats at Her Majesty's Theatre, Haymarket, London SW1 for the show on October 14. Members are invited to see the show, then join us for dinner and cabaret at the nearby Centre Stage restaurant for just £29. Tel 0800 335588

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A common little great man

Peter Ackroyd

on a panegyric of H.G. Wells, the visionary whom Fabians scorned

RONALD GRANT ARCHIVE



Poster for *The War of the Worlds* (1953), George Pal's Hollywood version of Wells's fantasy about a Martian invasion of Surrey

It has sometimes been suggested that the most important thing about any biography is its writer, rather than its subject, and in this life of H.G. Wells the name of Michael Foot dominates the dust jacket as well as the contents. There is nothing necessarily wrong with that, of course, and in fact Foot is able to enter certain events and periods of Wells's life with a conviction and sympathy that immediately command assent.

The story of his youth and early maturity is familiar enough to anyone who has read *Kipps* or *Love and Mr Lewisham* (even, perhaps, *The Invisible Man*) — the abortive career as a draper's assistant, the place at the Normal School of Science in South Kensington, the attempt to be a writer. He was a bookish child, and a bookish young man, but Foot emphasises the point that the reading which most influenced and impressed him was that by "the iconoclasts of the Enlightenment" including Tom Paine, Jonathan Swift and Voltaire. This was the tradition to which Wells aspired, and to which he would eventually belong.

It is never easy to find one's inheritance, however, and at the end of an early list of articles rejected or neglected, the young Wells wrote, "Some day I shall succeed, I really believe, but it is a weary game." Foot comments, with characteristic enthusiasm, "how strong was the heart which beat in that weak body". It was strong enough, at least, to maintain five subsequent years of extraordinary creative activity, when the success of *The Time Machine* was followed by *The Island of Dr Moreau*, *The Invisible Man* and *The War of the Worlds*. Some of these works are now reissued in **H.G. Wells: The Science Fiction Volume I** *(Dent/Phoenix, £15.99/£9.99)*. In the same period he also wrote *When The Sleeper Awakes* — as if he had been released from his own dormancy and was able to speak freely for the first time.

Wells was still in his early thirties, and still in the latter part of the 19th century, but he was one of the few writers in an age unhappily known as *fin de siècle* who looked forwards rather than backwards. This was in part the result of his scientific training in South Kensington, but he was also a genuine Cockney visionary in a tradition which is becoming more clearly recognised and celebrated. Foot quotes William Hazlitt to good effect here: "A really great man has always an idea of something greater than himself."

The London sources of Wells's own greatness are not in doubt, and Foot himself is very astute about such matters. "The only place on the planet about which HG had any real practical knowledge was London," he writes. "He loved London, and this emotional attachment remained for ever an essential element of his own charm." He had a Cockney self-confidence, energy and *bravura* which rendered him at once both prolific and independent; he never espoused the *bien pensant* pieties of certain of his contemporaries, and there were times when he was frankly in bad taste, but who ever said that genius was respectable or even discreet?

Foot also places Wells in another tradition, which is broadly that of Dissent. It can be traced back to the Levellers and the Chartists, and brought forward to that socialism of the early 20th century which Wells espoused. Foot invokes the names of Godwin and Paine, among others, who themselves suggest the broadly rationalist and progressive tone which Wells assumed. Certainly it explains his interest in science, as well as his somewhat ambiguous attitude towards eugenics. He naturally became associated with the Fabians, and with something known strangely as the "Co-Efficient Club". But he was too rebarbative for the parlously pink Webbs and, as Beatrice put it in her diary, "H. G. Wells has broken out in a quite unexpectedly unpleasant manner." He had been doing that all of his life, and he once declared that socialism was "the form and substance of my ideal life, and all the religion I possess". This kind of thing did not go down well with what was called the "Old Gang".

Beatrice Webb was also dismayed by Wells's belief in free love. It was even worse that, unlike most sexual reformers, he actually practised what he preached. There were several affairs, bravely endured by what Foot calls "a complaisant wife" but not by the Fabians, who considered him nothing more than a philanderer. They were also content to place "women's rights" in a "*quite subordinate place*", as Foot puts it, while Wells himself in *The New Machiavelli* declared that "the women's movement was being carried forward on an irresistible current".

He was quite right. There were many areas, in fact, where he has proved to be uncannily prescient — in the advance of technology no less than in the possibility of atomic warfare, in the future of India as well as in the growth of sexual liberty. It does not take a prophet, of course, to realise that Wells himself would often be derided as a result. It was claimed that he was not a novelist, after all, but a propagandist. Perhaps it was a mistake for him to become so unequivocally a public figure; his visit to the new communist regime in Russia, for example, only served to emphasise the polemical content within his own fiction. Henry James did not approve.

But in fact Wells was following a perfectly honourable tradition of metaphysical and satirical fiction which includes such figures as More, Defoe and Swift. He also managed to retain a vein of powerful and meditative mysticism which emerged in his public as well as his private writings. "I must needs go about this present world of disorder and dalliance," he wrote in 1922, "like an exile doing such feeble things as I can towards the world of my desire, now hopefully, now bitterly, as the moods may happen, until I die." This is one of many wonderful passages which Foot quotes; that is why *The History of Mr Wells* can also be seen as an anthology of Wells's best writing.

It is also true that Foot is too enthusiastic a biographer to consider any of his subject's faults or follies in elaborate detail; it is the sort of biography any writer would like to be given, but more objective readers might also be advised to attempt one of the standard lives of the subject. If Foot's biography suffers from any particular fault, however, it is the implicit belief that the personality of a writer is as great as the works. It never is.

But if this is in part a hagiography, it is one illuminated by genuine passion and understanding. That is why Foot is able fully to celebrate Wells's own energy and curiosity: he had the kind of intellectual vitality which grows from what it feeds on. It was also the energy of the early 20th century which seethed through him and, now that we are coming to the end of that century, it is appropriate and necessary to be reminded of a great London writer who saw something of what was to come.

THE HISTORY OF MR WELLS
By Michael Foot
Doubleday, £20

Summoned by doorbells

Philip Howard

JOHN BETJEMAN LETTERS
Volume Two: 1951-1984
Edited by Candida Lycett Green
Methuen, £20

Bully-boys may typecast John Betjeman as an ordinary, camp old codger, keen on old buildings and jolly girls, the pioneer of conservationist newspaper columns and a scribbler of light verse. He certainly suffered from ordinary obsessions, from worry about the next penny to anxiety about growing old.

On the contrary, this second selection of his letters shows the Wordsworth of suburbia to have been extraordinary: an aesthete who could see beauty in the everyday, a manic depressive haunted by guilt and intoxicated by fun, a wild eccentric and, *pace* his breast-beating, a good man. Betjeman had a propensity for falling in love. And for most of this volume he kept in effect two wives: his real wife, Penelope, off on her travels to "Injer" again; and his mistress, Elizabeth Cavendish, who gave him the companionship and social life he craved. That this arrangement worked is shown by Betjeman's evident love for both women and terror of hurting either. The only gap in the letters are his to Elizabeth over 30 years, which are to be locked in the Chatsworth archives for 50 years. Paul ("Powlie") his son rebelled against the shadow of his father, as Betjeman had against his, and has kept only one of his father's letters.

But apart from those gaps, letters are the jigsaw that record the life and character of perhaps the last great letter-writer. By the time television made him the national teddy-bear, Betjeman was receiving 300 letters a week. He replied to them all, complaining about his postage bill and his increasingly illegible hand-writing, and getting through many secretaries, who fell in love with him but not his office mismanagement. Nothing good ever came in a brown envelope. But Betjeman took pains to reply, composing verses for unknown correspondents, for the terminally ill and the low-life wasters whom Theodore Dalrymple would exploit for his own vanity.

Although he wrote his column for Another Newspaper, Betjeman launched his crusades against concrete lampposts or for the Euston Arch with letters to *The Times*. And his business letters to publishers ("the poems should be arranged under three sections, Gloom, Medium/Jocund, Light/Blithe") and the BBC ("The way the BBC is going, it will soon all become accountants and journalists") were not in the usual style.

But the heart of the man is his letters to family and friends, whom he knew by nicknames. A glossary of pet names is needed to identify Little Friend as Princess Margaret, for example. He always wrote to Penelope (Plymouth or Gramelope) in cockney mixed with Greek code, and he illustrated his letters with funny pictures and acrostics.

His heart was as soft as his hands, which never did a day's manual labour. A harsh review or a personal tragedy, a departure or a new career for the child of a friend got a loving, a generous or a funny letter. He was a wonderful father and grandfather, treating children as real people and organising surprise jaunts to the farthest stations on the Underground. His daughter Candida (Wibz or Wibbly Wobbly) has edited the letters with the right amount of notes and shrewd and intimate introductions. Lucky family and friends to be blasted from melancholy by letters from a man who walked the black dog himself every day of his life.

Of all hackery he hated reviewing books most, perhaps because he could never bring himself to write a harsh word about any poor bleeding author. He might have accepted this one for review, because he could have got its message without reading it from page i to 616.

More than the rest of us, JB dreaded death and eternity, and grieved for his lack of faith. But he was an argument for heaven. If heaven does not exist, it would be necessary to invent it, in order to meet the old boy again shrieking with laughter in his armchair, a glass of champagne by his side, with eyes and mouth agape. He is the only argument for wanting to make it to that exalted Lyons corner-house in the sky.

DON SMITH



Betjeman in 1979: he walked the black dog every day of his life

The temptations of Saint Mugg

Ian McIntyre

MUGGERIDGE
The Biography
By Richard Ingrams
HarperCollins, £18

His voice, its Penge and Croydon vowel-sounds stubbornly resistant to the refining influences of Cambridge and the wider world, remains vividly in the mind. And yet, although it is only five years since he died, the Sage of Robertsbridge seems already to belong to another age. Has Malcolm Muggeridge now found his Boswell?

The publisher believes so. This is "the first major biography from the pen of one of the most revered of contemporary commentators". Shome mishtake, shurely. It is, in fact, by Richard Ingrams, 12, church organist and editor of *The Oldie*. It's not a patch on Muggeridge's own highly entertaining memoirs and diaries.

To his generation, Ingrams writes, Muggeridge was a hero because of his iconoclasm. The book repays a debt — for "his endlessly stimulating friendship, the laughter, the gossip and his unfailing kindness and generosity". I was well on towards the end before I felt that St Mugg was getting a return for his bounty.

Muggeridge (he was good at titles) called his memoirs *Chronicles of Wasted Time*. Volume I, published in 1972, described the mountain of junk — old book reviews, press cuttings, photographs, old visas — which he had accumulated during 50 years of journalism: "the rags and tatters of a professionally exhibitionist ego".

He speculated that they might one day be preserved at an American university, "grateful for any pabulum to fill its air-conditioned, dust-and-damp-proof vaults". The lot fell on Wheaton College, Illinois. By the time they sent a researcher to catalogue their purchase, Muggeridge was senile, and accused the young man of stealing a letter written years before by Gandhi.

Thomas Malcolm are the names on the birth certificate — his father, a Fabian and one-time Labour MP, greatly admired Carlyle. The young woman who taught him at his elementary school was having an affair with a teacher called D.H. Lawrence. At Cambridge, he went through an Anglo-Catholic phase and considered ordination. Instead he went off to India to teach. Gandhi came to address his pupils; afterwards Muggeridge wrote to advise him that industrialisation was more important than the spinning wheel and that what the Indian worker most needed was contraceptives.

Back in England, he met and married his Kitty. Her father turned up uninvited at the registry office and shouted, "You can still get away, Kit!" She chose not to, although Muggeridge told a friend that they both held modern views about marriage and while they were about it had consulted the registrar about divorce procedures.

Another brief teaching excursion, this time to Egypt, allowed him to interest himself in the nationalist politics of the Wafd. Then he had an article accepted by *The Manchester Guardian*. Arthur Ransome, visiting Cairo as a special correspondent, was impressed, and E. T. Scott offered him work as a leader-writer. He had found the only trade for which by temperament he was remotely suited.

Ingrams believes that Muggeridge was a conscientious journalist, although he never allowed the need to earn a living to distract him from his main interests. Until quite late in life he was a brother under the skin to the 18th-century Scottish judge, Lord Newton. "Drinking is my occupation," he declared, "law my amusement".

He was also a relentless, if confused, womaniser. "Difficult to say what appeals to me in her," he said of Lady Pamela Berry, his mistress for ten years. "She is not clever, not pretty, not nice." Like many unfaithful husbands, he found it difficult to come to terms with his wife's infidelity.

JANE BROWN



Hero worship: Richard Ingrams and Malcolm Muggeridge

His professional life resembled the random progress of a ball on a pin-table. Washington for *The Daily Telegraph*; Editor of *Punch*, columnist in *The Sunday Pictorial*, idiosyncratic interviewer on television. "I know we're supposed to discuss modern art," he said to Salvador Dali, "but first of all might I ask what happens to your moustaches at night?" "They droop," Dali replied.

On the whole, it was a pretty futile life. His late conversion was attended, inevitably, by the clicking of cameras. Ingrams, who has something of his subject's cruel eye for detail, notes that an Italian priest who assisted at the service had brought with him a group of handicapped children, and that they kept up "a constant accompaniment of inarticulate noises".

The guru of the young TV nihilists in the 1960s, by the 1980s he was urging Mrs Thatcher to deal with Aids by bringing Mary Whitehouse into the Cabinet. He was received at the Vatican, though the Pope apparently had little idea who he was. A Canadian TV producer, who had to endure a lengthy tirade about Ingmar Bergman's preoccupation with sex, had a good ear for Muggeridge's distinctive way with the English language: "Sexx as Malcolm pronounced it," he wrote — adding that Kitty was sure he had never seen a Bergman film.

Somewhere, sometime, Ingrams has heard of somebody called Savonarola (did he, perhaps, once issue a writ against *Private Eye*?). He can no longer remember how to spell his name, but feels that he may compare Muggeridge with him. Mother Teresa, wise and kind, knew better. She saw him as Nicodemus. "I know what you feel," she wrote. "Terrible longing with dark emptiness."

Ian McIntyre's Dirt and Deity: A Life of Robert Burns *is published later this month by HarperCollins.*

Why old Sigmund was right after all

Nigella Lawson

WHY FREUD WAS WRONG
Sin, Science and Psychoanalysis
By Richard Webster
HarperCollins, £25

IT IS AS fashionable now to be anti-Freudian as it was to admire Freud a generation ago. No matter how ill-conceived or badly written, a book denouncing Freud and all his works, the devil and all his pomps, is sure to be greedily and gratefully applauded. *Why Freud Was Wrong* is not, however, such a book: it is certainly energetic and well written. But, at the risk of falling prey to the same crass oversimplification of Webster's title, it is wrong.

In the first instance Freud is castigated for having failed to establish psychoanalysis as a true science, with its appropriate, wholly scientific rules and theorems. Freud certainly regarded himself as a *Wissenschaftler*, a man of science, but to measure psychoanalysis against, say, the rules of physics, is not merely quite staggeringly to miss the point, it is also to misconstrue: *Wissenschaft* means knowledge in the widest sense (as indeed, etymologically speaking, does the word science). Freud was seeking to establish a body of knowledge, a body of evidence, not to reveal mathematical truths.

Psychoanalysis is not a false science: it is *not* a science at all. Freud may have wished it to be infused with scientific respectability; he certainly felt he was serving science, serving medicine. But surely the unscientific nature of psychoanalysis is to its credit. And it is what it is that must be examined, not what it might have been. A scientific key, to be handed out and followed to the letter, would tell us nothing truly about the individual's inner life; one size does not fit all. Psychoanalysis is — and this explains its resonance — a way of looking, not a chart of what you must expect to see. But pertinently, the notion of psychoanalysis as a scientific set of beliefs owes most to anti-Semitism; it was, after all, derided as the "Jewish Science".

This way of looking, or rather of listening, this belief in the unconscious and its often unrecognised influence on our behaviour, is criticised as fraudulent by Webster, even as he applies such analytical tools himself to do so. Freud, he declares, was not a man devoted to finding out the truth, but a man motivated by megalomania, by a desire to make of himself a myth. Thus in attempting to discredit the tenets of psychoanalysis, he proves their endurance. It doesn't make sense. It is all done in the manner of the wisecracking definition of the Yiddish word chutzpah, as someone who kills his parents and then begs for clemency in the courts because he is an orphan.

Webster dismisses much of the apostate Freudian Jeffrey Masson's account of Freud's abandonment of the seduction theory, and yet it is here that much of Webster's attack lies. Masson accused Freud of deliberately suppressing evidence that women he was treating had actually been sexually abused by their fathers, and instead put forward his theory that these incestuous events stemmed from fantasy. It is Masson's own fixation that Freud was dishonestly withholding proof rather than developing his theories. Webster doesn't accuse Freud of quite such skulduggery, but by dismissing as valueless "inference". Freud's psychoanalytic technique, his attempt to listen to what was really being said, Webster concludes that his findings are groundless.

This is the crux of much anti-Freudianism. The individual cases must always be investigated, listened to, on their own terms, and it would be a strange Freudian who thought otherwise. But before one condemns the Freudian belief that the conviction that one has had an incestuous experience in childhood does not necessarily mean it took place, one should think about the contemporary swing in the other direction: the proliferating cases of "repressed memory syndrome".

Popular anti-Freudianism resides in a strange perpetuation of what is essentially a far from Freudian belief. Blaming Freud for buck-passing, self-exonerating superliberalism is a strange misreading. No authentic Freudian would claim that we were helpless victims of our pasts. Rather Freud teaches one to recognise the past for what it is, so that one may understand, and therefore if necessary modify, one's actions in the present. Freudian psychoanalysis is not about casting blame, it is about taking responsibility. It is essential to understand this, or else one is criticising what isn't there.

ALWAYS with Freud, one is faced with the fact that no one writing about Freud can write as well as he does. It is to the point: the glorious limpidity of Freud's writing indicates something about the fierce clarity of his thought just as Jung's obfuscation reveals something about the turgidness of his. To describe Webster's undertaking as a wilful misunderstanding may be to overstate the case, but there is something puny in his attack.

Now that Marxism has been dismantled, there is a challenge to do the same to Freudianism, a challenge that grows ever keener. But to treat as ignoble Freud's belief that the unexamined life is not worth living is a strange way of going about it.

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Poets who do other things

Besides writing poems, poets do other things. Karol Wojtyla is of course the Pope. The Place Within: The Poetry of Pope John Paul II *(Hutchinson, £6.99 pbk)* collects his verse in an authorised translation by Jerzy Peterkiewicz.

All these poems were written before Wojtyla's election as Pontiff, between 1939 and 1978. During this time he worked in stone quarries and a chemical plant before he began secretly to study for the priesthood in 1942. He was hidden from the Gestapo by the then Archbishop of Cracow before his ordination in 1946.

These events are relevant to the imagery of Wojtyla's verse, just as his later career as a



teacher of theology and ethics is foreshadowed from the start in the moral seriousness of his themes. Borrowing terms from his *Easter Vigil, 1966*, the poems might be described as conversations with the poet's self which progress to become conversations with his fellow men and ultimately conversations with God. For all their philosophical ambitions they are rooted in the actual and the material, particularly in an obviously autobiographical sequence called *The Quarry* and in those *Profiles of a Cyrenean*, which commemorate fellow workers, actors, men and women of all kinds encountered during the 1939-45 war.

An attractive feature of many of the poems, well brought out by the translator, is their awareness of the way words can resist the process of thought, yet the thinker must persevere: *He must tear through the thicket of signs/ to the word's very centre,/ its weight the ripeness of fruit.* The quotation should serve to show that this is not a volume of dreary devotional verse, even though its merits must be more religious than poetic.

Thomas Lynch's other profession is that of undertaker, and while there's a whiff of the embalming fluid about his Skeleton Key and Other Poems *(Cape, £7 pbk)*, it still has more than curiosity value. American-Irish, he offers memories of his Roman Catholic boyhood, as well as a sober appraisal of life and death and other practical matters (his father was an undertaker too). The masters here are Robert Frost and that fine neglected poet Edwin Arlington Robinson, but Lynch has sufficient of his own to say to make this more a case of affinity than influence. Specifically he shares with these writers an ability to make his verse sound like common speech. Only in a dreadful diatribe entitled *For the Ex-Wife on the Occasion of Her Birthday* do the prosodic skills break down into doggerel. For the most part this is a heartening book: it introduces a poet with a real command of the techniques of verse, writing about an unusual life in an unflashy way.

Peter Reading was for many years a weighbridge operator in an agricultural feedmill, though he got himself sacked in 1992 for refusing to wear the new company uniform. The work in his Collected Poems I: Poems 1970-1984 *(Bloodaxe, £9.95 pbk)* is gritty, original, and uncompromising, at its best in its contempt for all forms of cant, at its worst in the way it delights in the same contempt. Reading is a satirist with a gift for combining the formal and the colloquial, and in small doses the effect can be exhilarating. Taken as a whole, however, there is something both ponderous and comic about his celebration of his superiority to the objects of his satire — like watching a hippo making fun of its fellow creatures by trying to mimic their movements.

George Mackay Brown is a sort of professional Orcadian as well as a poet and novelist. He has spent his whole life on Orkney, and written books about it which must have done wonders for the tourist trade. The poems in his The Wreck of the Archangel *(John Murray, £7.99 pbk)* have their magical moments, but these days the magic is rather too much worked for. Brown has defined his themes as "mainly religious (birth, love, death, resurrection, ceremonies of fishing and agriculture)", and the influences at work here seem to be Norse sagas, the Bible, and Catholic liturgy. The odd woman does put in an appearance, but generally turns out to be a mermaid.

ROBERT NYE

An unfinished novel by Camus has surfaced. **Derwent May** is enchanted

Adieu to French Algeria

Just before his death in a car accident at the age of 46, Albert Camus was working on *The First Man*. Though he died as long ago as 1960, the publication of this unfinished novel is still an event. Camus was one of the great postwar heroes of literature, almost as much in Britain as in France. The son of a poor Algerian Frenchman and an illiterate Spanish mother, he first became known as one of the eloquent existentialist voices declaring the absurdity of human life — most notably in *The Outsider* (*L'Etranger*), now reissued as a companion to *The First Man* (Hamish Hamilton, £16.99).

But Camus soon revealed himself as an impassioned defender of human reason and happiness in defiance of that absurdity, both in his essays in *The Rebel* (*L'Homme revolte*) and in his magnificent novel about Oran, *The Plague* (*La Peste*). In that book, a wealth of fascinating colonial characters fight in their different ways against the plague microbes, who represent both the grim challenge of the "human condition" and also the German occupiers of France.

He had written only part of the book now published in a translation by David Hap-

THE FIRST MAN
By Albert Camus
Hamish Hamilton, £14.99

good, *The First Man* (*Le premier homme*), when he was killed, but it is a matter for real rejoicing that his daughter has at last decided to let it appear, along with various sheets of notes he made that give us a good idea of how it would have been completed.

In *The First Man*, Camus turns back directly to his Algerian boyhood. His hero, Jacques Cormery, is also an Algerian Frenchman, whose father was killed by shrapnel in the First World War, when Jacques was still a baby living with his mother and grandmother in Algiers.

Jacques, at 40, after what seems to have been a turbulent but successful career (as what, we never know), has suddenly experienced a desperate need to find out more about his father. He goes to the bleak military cemetery by the sea at Saint-Brieuc where his father is buried, and there the full realisation comes over him that his father was only 29 — younger than he is now — when he died. There swells in him "the overwhelming compassion that a man feels for an unjustly murdered child".

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But there are also extraordinarily vivid pages about the unshadowed happiness Jacques and his boyhood friends find in bathing in the warm sea until the evening light is green over the city, or fighting the wind using a dead palm leaf as a shield, or going hunting with older men in the hills outside Algiers — "heedlessly consuming," as Camus puts it, "the most gorgeous of the world's offerings".

Moreover, Jacques does find his father, in a sense, precisely by not finding him. Through a superb teacher in his elementary school — his only real father, he feels — and after going to the *lycée* on a scholarship, he emerged — he now comes to realise — from a family, a milieu and a continent that for generations had lived and died without knowledge, culture or history. It was a world of which his anonymous and forgotten father, thrown away in the mud still wearing his colourful Zouave uniform, was the representative and symbol.

Jacques, discovering as he grows up what France and Europe are and mean, is like "the first man". He is challenged to make what he can of this world in which he has to find all the bearings for himself — and so we might be said to see here the original existentialist challenge embodied in a real life, not just in a philosophical thesis.

When he was planning this book, in the late 1950s, Camus was in a dilemma over Algeria. He had become a champion of Algerian freedom, but he felt a deep loyalty to the French Algerians too, and he dreamt of a federation of France and an independent Algeria. But he could not accept Algerian terrorism any more than he could accept French repression, and had turned, bewildered, away from the problem. Meanwhile, his former friend Sartre had mocked him viciously in *Les Temps Modernes* for "betraying history" by his attacks on Stalinism and the French Communists.

Camus's consequent sense of frustration and rejection in the 1950s clearly lies behind the last theme of *Le premier homme* — Jacques's rediscovery of his mother. There was to be a middle section about Jacques's life and loves in France that never got written. But we know that the book was to end with the avowal of a longing, somehow, to return to the dogged, gentle, anonymous kind of life that the mother of Jacques — and Camus — had lived. The obscure, rhetorical chapter about this is not as good as the rest of the novel. But it marks the last turn in Camus's thought before he died.

This translation is for the most part very natural and idiomatic, though unnatural phrases stick out here and there. It also feels a little thin, whereas Camus's French in *Le premier homme* has an enchanting sensuous ease, breathless and almost unpunctuated though it is.

"Though you are no thinker, you are an artist," Sartre conceded to Camus. This posthumous novel proves once again that Sartre at least got that point right.

Verse made visible

Adam Schwartzman

THE SHADOW OF HIROSHIMA
And Other Film/Poems
By Tony Harrison
Faber, £8.99 pbk original

An extraordinary collaboration between documentary makers and poets has been taking place over the last five or so years in the television studios of London and Bristol. This has resulted in a new medium: the film/poem. From the start, the collaborative nature of these new works distinguished the film/poem from the "poem set to film" that poets like Betjeman and Auden had been creating since the 1930s. In his introduction to Tony Harrison's collected film/poems, the director Peter Symes points out what will now seem obvious to those who watched the eight programmes, the scripts of which are first collected here: that poetry and film are organically integrated.

It is this that makes Harrison's new collection so difficult to appraise. If anything, the film/poem is an exercise in incorporation, of bringing in extra-textual matter, be it the interviewees' transcriptions in *The Muffled Bells*, a Jim Morrison lyric in *Cheating the Void*, or Gulf War footage in *The Gaze of the Gorgon*. Where does this partial (and justifiable) reliance on outside stimuli leave the poetry?

The answer is: vacillating somewhere between the innovation and sublimity of *The Blasphemer's Banquet*, Harrison's hastily patched together and brilliant response to the Salman Rushdie affair, and the sensible but uninspired verse of *The Muffled Bells*, the earliest of the film poems, written around the pentameters of Thomas Gray's elegiac quatrains. Harrison's main problem lies at the heart of what his publishers bill as his attempt "to confront the major horrors of the 20th century". The language he employs needs to be flexible enough to deal subtly with intricate issues, while at the same time conforming to technical parameters. The result is often prosaic — as in, for instance, *A Maybe Day in Kazakhstan*: "The Kazakhstan these masks come from / was the test site for the bomb."

When Harrison translates for the theatre the poetry can be spread around more thinly because there is enough in the dialogue, satire or dramatic action to keep the scenes ticking over. But stripped of its film, the film/poem has no recourse to alternative terms in which to justify itself, except by its contemporary relevance. And almost all of the pieces collected here are just that, dealing with — among other issues — the Holocaust, various permutations of fundamentalism, and the breakup of the Soviet Union.

The most recent of the texts collected here is that of *The Shadow of Hiroshima*, a recently broadcast film/poem commemorating the dropping of the first atom bomb. To his advantage, Harrison's building-blocks are smaller here than in his other pieces and the language denser and more



Hiroshima, August 6, 1945

laden. For instance: "The cicadas' dry tattoo / gets quicker towards 8.22. Fans, like a chorus of quick sighs, / will the doves into the skies."

Possibly the most successful piece in the collection, *The Shadow of Hiroshima* beautifully integrates and permutates through the speeches of the Virgilian Shadow San, its motifs of the peace doves, lovers, fans and the trappings of modern Japan to create a montage that is at once aesthetically thrilling and profoundly insightful. Sometimes stumbling, sometimes flying, Harrison is the first master of a form he has made his own.

Adam Schwartzman's first volume of poetry, The Good Life. The Dirty Life., *is published by Carcanet.*

A linguistic Galileo discovers the real one

Stella Tillyard

THE ISLAND OF THE DAY BEFORE
By Umberto Eco
Secker & Warburg, £16.99

Imagine Ridley Scott's spacecraft in the film *Alien* transformed into the *Amaryllis*, a double-masted wooden ship setting out from Amsterdam in the 1640s in the cause of scientific experiment and imperial gain. Imagine Sigourney Weaver, leaving the spacecraft, carrying with her the things from which she has sought to escape, turned into Roberto della Griva, an Italian nobleman shipwrecked from the *Amaryllis* onto the seemingly empty *Daphne*. Think (if you are a reader of history) of *The Cheese and the Worms* in which Carlo Ginsburg, Umberto Eco's colleague at the University of Bologna, used medieval manuscripts to describe a cosmology, one man's vision of the heavens and the earth. Remember (if you are a literary critic) the first principle of deconstruction: that we define things and ourselves by everything they are and we are not, but that in so doing, those Others, our opposites, are so inextricably bound to us, that they become a part of us and we a part of them. Put all this together and you have the recipe of Umberto Eco's novel.

At least you have part of the recipe: for the whole add a quantity of information about the New Learning of the 17th century, a generous amount of knowledge about Renaissance medicine, shipbuilding, cartography, exploration, salon life, lyric poetry — and add Eco's own special raising agent: magical heaps of words, that can create for the reader the things they describe.

"To survive, you must tell stories," says the narrator of



Umberto Eco: magical

The Island of the Day Before. Only when we describe things do they, and thus we, exist. So Roberto finds himself aboard the *Daphne*, anchored on the 180th meridian, and sets out to describe his floating world and the events that brought him there. But in writing his life story he also invents it, and his invention comes to exist, mingling with the world he is discovering on the *Daphne*. Central to both life and discovery is the figure of the Other. In life it is his inventive brother, Ferrante; on the ship an invisible being "who moved as Robert moved" and mimics his actions. Roberto is inevitably a spiritual traveller, an Odysseus in search of himself. As he comes to understand and meet the Other, and as he creates and defines Ferrante, he is also defining and understanding himself.

Roberto is a Renaissance courtier, using the New Learning — from the discoveries of Copernicus and Galileo, and a host of theories about time, matter, the origins of the universe, and the mapping of the world — to understand what he finds. What Eco did for medieval scholasticism in *The Name of the Rose*, he does here for the Renaissance and the scientific revolution.

Roberto's earthly journey is an attempt to discover the island of the day before — which exists over the 180th meridian, and therefore in yesterday — the place and nature of his origin and beginning. But as it is a spiritual journey too, it ends inevitably in death. Reaching an understanding of Otherness, Roberto turns into it: merging with his double, and with his origin in matter itself, he floats off towards the island he seeks and out of his own story.

These conundrums and their explication are vintage Eco, as is the paradoxical creation of a material world from cornucopiae of immaterial words. Full of verbal conjuring, and a *tour de force* of translation by William Weaver, *The Island of the Day Before* is both an enjoyable fable and a skilful parade of recent literary theory and history of science. But it creates minds rather than hearts. If you want to feel with the hero rather than simply to know with him, then you may admire, but you will not adore what Eco does so well.

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Scottish tourism hit

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE huge worldwide success of the film *Braveheart* has heightened the dilemma facing Scottish tourism in the struggle to lure more visitors to the lochs and glens.

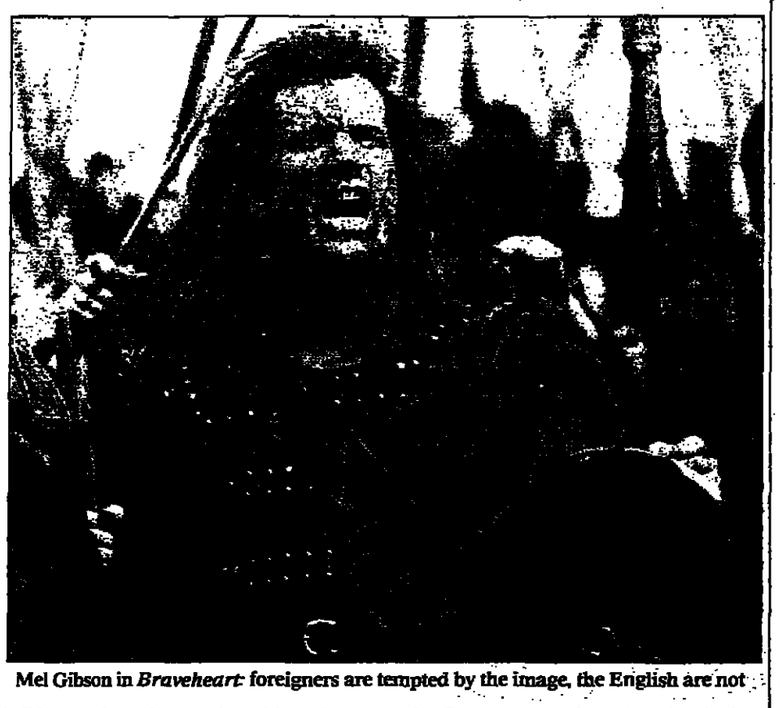
Mel Gibson's emotive portrayal of the warring 13th-century Scottish hero William Wallace has triggered a surge of overseas interest in Scotland as a holiday destination.

But the film's historical flavour is in danger of having precisely the opposite effect on the domestic visitors that Scotland needs to bolster its stagnant £2 billion tourism industry.

Research shows that Scotland's rich history is more likely to deter the English, and even many Scots, from spending holidays north of the border. Instead, domestic tourists are searching for more modern activities, such as watersports, contemporary arts and shopping, forcing tourism executives to send two contrasting advertising messages to the home and overseas markets.

While only three in ten British visitors to Scotland list museums, castles and churches among their likes, seven out of ten foreigners appreciated the historical attractions. Similarly, Britons were less taken by the Scottish scenery than were foreign visitors.

Braveheart, and its fellow Scottish-based film *Rob Roy*, are being used in a £100,000 marketing campaign in France and Germany, seizing on the romantic and historical image portrayed in the movies. In Britain, alternative tactics are being employed to emphasise attractions to interest the under-34 age group who have shied away from Scotland and turned to activity holidays throughout the world.



Mel Gibson in *Braveheart*: foreigners are tempted by the image, the English are not

Scotland is searching for new ways to arrest the recent slump in the domestic tourist market. The Autumn Gold campaign, aimed at extending the holiday season by promoting short autumn breaks, makes no pretensions about the Scottish climate, a significant deterrent to English summer holidaymakers.

The number of Scottish visits by British tourists slumped by 1.5 million to 8.8 million between 1989 and 1994, while the foreign market increased by 300,000 to 1.75 million over the same period.

More encouragingly, figures released this week show a 9 per cent rise in UK visitor numbers for the first six months of the year, partly on the back of a hefty television advertising campaign last year.

The campaign to attract the English has been boosted by Ryanair's launch of £59 return air-fares between Stansted and Prestwick airports. The expense of travelling to Scotland is cited by the English as another negative factor.

Derek Reid, the chief executive of the Scottish Tourist Board, concedes that the marketing campaign needs to be somewhat schizophrenic, but adds that it is important to play to strengths as perceived abroad and at home. "In England, it is clear that our target customers want to see Scotland presented as a relevant and contemporary destination," says Mr Reid, adding that the current evocative television advertising campaign "conveys those messages without an overplay of the traditional icons".

"Overseas the approach is different, since Scotland's heritage and the images associated with it are huge strengths. We would be foolish not to exploit those images."

Duty-free war in the Channel

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A DUTY-FREE price war has broken out as Eurotunnel and ferry operators try to tempt passengers on to empty cross-Channel ships and trains in the run-up to Christmas.

Large discounts and promotions on spirits and cigarettes are being used as weapons in the struggle between the Le Shuttle train operator, P&O and Stena Sealink. The move comes after a cut-throat summer season when ticket prices were slashed.

Stena Sealink has already announced a "two for one" promotion on spirits and tobacco. The offer means that two litres of Gordon's gin or Bell's scotch will cost £9.98 and 400 Benson & Hedges cigarettes £13.99.

The move bought a swift response from Eurotunnel, which cut a third off the price of its duty-free range. A bottle of Bell's whisky will be £6.65 and a box of 200 Marlboro cigarettes £10.

At present Eurotunnel sells duty-free products only in its terminals and is continuing a long campaign through the courts in France against the extension of the ferry operators' right to sell duty-free until 1999.

Ian Todd of P&O, which sells 1.5 million bottles of scotch a year, said it would, in turn, be unveiling a range of promotions in its on-board shops. Likely offers include a free bottle of wine for every 200 cigarettes bought, or £2 off the cigarettes for every bottle of whisky bought.

Meanwhile caravanners have finally been given access to Channel Tunnel shuttle trains. Return prices start from £30 for caravans and £75 for campervans. The service, launched last Friday, means that virtually all mainstream private passenger vehicles can now use the tunnel.

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Top restaurants offer value-for-money lunches

BY LEYLA LINTON

THE recession has increased competition among chefs and restaurateurs to deliver value for money, and there has never been a better time to eat in restaurants in Britain, says the Consumers' Association's latest *Good Food Guide*. The best way to maximise gastronomic pleasure while minimising cost is to eat at lunchtime.

"As a result of cutbacks in personal spending and corporate entertaining, lunches at places such as La Tante Claire, Le Gavroche, The Restaurant, Bibendum or Clarke's in London will cost you 40 to 50 per cent less than dinner. With what you have 'saved' over lunch you can buy a theatre ticket," Nicholas Lander, restaurant correspondent, the *Financial Times*, and former owner of Soho's L'Escargot restaurant, says in a foreword.

The *Guide* also highlights a number of trends in eating. The number of large restaurants and brasseries, all keen on providing affordable food in an approachable way, continues to grow around Britain. Falling property prices probably gave the initial impetus to the opening of brasseries, but then restaurant-goers became used to the idea of eating in places where silver service was not a priority.

Guide editor Jim Ainsworth says the biggest area of complaint from readers is the so-called "optional" service charge, which he describes as a "VAT wheeze".

Restaurateurs complain that if service is included, they have to deduct 17.5 per cent VAT before distributing the charge to staff. If it is "optional", VAT is not applicable. "This might explain why restaurants get shirty when customers try to opt out of it, though it does not explain why the loophole exists," Mr Ainsworth says.

The number of restaurants charging 15 per cent has decreased slightly since last year, although many, especially those in London, still consider 12.5 per cent to be acceptable.

This year, the *Guide* has changed the way it represents service charges and identifies those restaurants which do not require extra tips, those which leave it to customers' discretion and those in which tips are "optional".

Tipping is a source of potential confrontation between restaurateur and customer, says Mr Ainsworth. "The reason the *Guide* makes such a fuss about it is that there is no point in customers coming out of a restaurant feeling antagonistic and swearing never to return. Such restaurants are cutting their own throats."

About 1,200 restaurants feature in this year's *Guide*, but more than 100 have not made a reappearance from last year. Some have gone out of business or changed chefs, or simply do not serve food which meets the *Guide's* criteria.

Restaurants given a maximum five stars for cooking this year are:

● **La Tante Claire**, Royal Hospital Road, London. Price range £32-£101 a head including coffee, wine and service. The *Guide* says: "A single-minded venture, the vision of a man who has cooked here for nearly 20 years, producing top-class French cooking with a bias to his native Gascony."

● **Chez Nico**, Park Lane, London. Price range £42-£94 a head including coffee, wine and service. "Consummate skill, assurance and confidence are hallmarks of the Ladenis style."

● **Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons**, Great Milton, Oxfordshire. Price range £41-£107 a head, including coffee, wine and service. The guide says: "One cannot help but be carried along by the sheer sweep of the restaurant's ambition and achievement."

● **Altnaharrie Inn**, Ullapool, Scotland. Price range — £70-£84 a head including coffee, wine and service. "The food is inventive, doesn't follow any particular school, but appears modern by virtue of its simplicity."

Six restaurants received the starred-four rating for cooking: Le Gavroche and The Hyde Park Hotel's The Restaurant, London; Gidleigh Park in Chagford, Devon; L'Ortolan in Shinfield, Berkshire; the Waterside Inn in Bray, Berkshire; and Winteringham Fields in Winteringham, Humberside. Other restaurants were awarded a four rating for cooking, including the Aubergine and the Connaught, London, the Aberfoyle, Scotland, the Walnut Tree Inn, Llandewi Skirrid, and the Roscoff in Belfast.

● The Good Food Guide, *published by* Which?, *costs £14.99.*

Harvey Elliott reports from Sun City on the annual gathering of the Association of British Travel Agents

Tour firms plan cheaper packages to South Africa

THE COST of a package holiday to South Africa could be cut by up to a half from next year if charter flights to Johannesburg get the expected go-ahead.

Detailed negotations have started with the South African Government to enable airlines such as Britannia, Monarch and Caledonian to fly at least twice a week from Gatwick or Stansted and other regional airports in Britain.

Britannia, which believes it could fill at least two Boeing 767s each week with package holidaymakers, returning South African residents and people visiting friends and relations, has told the South African authorities that it would expect to charge £599 for a one-week basic package and that flights alone could cost much less.

Caledonian also plans two flights a week with three-engine DC10s. The airline, part of the Inspirations group, aims at a lead-in price of £599.

With tourism to South Africa now booming, the pressure is mounting on the Government to lift its restrictions on the number of airlines allowed to fly between Britain and South Africa.

Though Virgin already has a licence to operate, it has not taken it up because, according to Richard Branson, the right take-off and arrival slots at Heathrow are not available.

The South African airline Avia also collapsed last month after failing to make adequate profits with its 747 flights from Johannesburg to Gatwick.

But British charter airlines claim their research proves demand is enormous. They have told government officials that they could double the number of British tourists to the country if they were allowed in on a regular basis.

The state-owned SAA, however, fears that year-round charter operations could damage profitability and is keeping equal pressure on its Government to maintain its duopoly with BA. The route between Johannesburg and London is the most profitable in the world.

British Airways Holidays has now launched a dedicated South Africa brochure. This offers a week's fly-drive for a minimum of £799 plus £24 a person a night for accommodation. But even this operator has difficulty in obtaining enough seats from British Airways. Derek Shanks, a product manager, said: "The demand for South Africa has exceeded all expectations. Our sales have doubled in the past year and British Airways will be introducing extra services to both Durban and Johannesburg next year."

Almost half the seats on the scheduled services are now filled with South Africans making their first venture outside the country since the ending of apartheid.

In an attempt to cope with the surge in demand, BA and SAA have increased the number of flights to Johannesburg to 12 a week. Both airlines say that they will not oppose charter airlines coming in for the peak season of October and November.

But the British charter airlines say they can fill their jets simply with tourists from the UK. They claim they are close to convincing the South African Government to give them the all-clear. The Government, which is committed to increasing its income from tourism, is, however, worried that a lack of facilities at the Jan Smuts airport in Johannesburg and a shortage of hotel beds could lead to visitor dissatisfaction with South Africa. Now Britain's biggest airport operator, BAA, has said it is prepared to run the Johannesburg airport, and hotel companies are developing new properties almost daily.

Last year 160,000 Britons visited South Africa and this number is expected to grow to 200,000 this year and by a further 15 per cent next year. Though British tourists are the biggest single group, the 105,000 Germans who now come to South Africa spend more during their stay.

There is also a big increase in the number of visitors from the Far East now flocking to the newly democratic country.



Sun City, the £170 million casino resort, is now attracting international family holidaymakers

Fears grow over UK exit tax

CONCERN over an increase in airport departure tax grew throughout this week's Abta conference. Kenneth Clarke is now contemplating increasing the tax from £10 for long-haul flights and £5 for short-haul to £15 and £7 respectively. Delegates calculate that their collective drop in profits since last year's imposition of the tax exactly matches the amount raised by the Chancellor from it, suggesting that it was absorbed by them rather than passed on to the consumer. Many fear that further rises could push them to bankruptcy.

Play happy families

SUN CITY, the vast £170 million casino resort created in the South African veld, is changing its image. Built as a gambling bolthole for whites from puritannical Johannesburg and Pretoria during apartheid, it is becoming an international family resort.

Holiday yobs attack

DR DAVID BELLAMY, the naturalist, told delegates that the travel industry could help to solve many of the world's worst environmental problems, provided developments were made sensibly. "Unfortunately," he said, "the vested interests, the high-rise hooligans of the past, are ... hell-bent on making the fast buck and rubbing the nose of your industry in the dirt."

Peace but no space

DELEGATES from Northern Ireland were here in force this week because they said they felt a special affinity with South Africa. Northern Ireland has seen the number of British visitors increase by more than 50 per cent since the peace accord, about the same as South Africa since its new freedom. But both countries have a shortage of hotel rooms.

Ian Henderson, chief executive of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, urged householders to create more bed and breakfast accommodation.

Fly to Oz for £399

AUSTRAVEL is offering flights to Australia or New Zealand for half the price of getting to South Africa on a scheduled airline on selected days next month. Return fares, flying Britannia, are from £399 to Perth, £499 from Gatwick to Adelaide and Melbourne and £499 from Manchester to Auckland.

'Boycott the French'

LEADERS of Britain's travel industry were urged this week to boycott "everything French" in protest at the continued nuclear tests in the Pacific. The campaigning naturalist Dr David Bellamy told more than 1,000 delegates to the annual conference of the Association of British Travel Agents in Sun City: "I think you should boycott everything French you possibly can." His views, though loudly applauded by individual delegates, found little official backing outside.

Martin Brackenbury, the president of the Federation of Tour Operators, said: "It is not the job of tour operators or travel agents to become involved in politics of any kind. It is up to the individual consumer to decide where he wants to go or to avoid and what goods to buy.

"If we had taken boycott action against regimes or governments with which we may have disagreed, we would not have gone to Spain under Franco, Russia under the Communists, South Africa under apartheid or dozens of other countries around the world."

But Warren Sandral, of French Life Holidays, which also represents tour operators on the Abta council, urged the British Government rather than travellers to put pressure on France.

"More than 85 per cent of the French people are against what their Government is doing," he said. "So any boycott of either goods or travel to the country itself would have no effect. Instead the British Government should no longer sit back but join others in Europe in putting pressure on the French Government."

He admitted that so far there had been no cancellations among his customers as a result of the French nuclear test. Andrew Bathe, managing director of Austravel and Ausbound, the leading tour operators to Australia and New Zealand, said that there had already been cancellations to Tahiti as a result of the tests and local protest riots, and that he expected these to continue. About a quarter of the 60,000 customers a year who travel to Australia or New Zealand from Britain with his company now choose to stop off en route in the Pacific with five to six thousand heading for Tahiti.

"Tahiti is regarded as the ultimate Bali Hai," he said. "The explosion and the riots in Tahiti have led to a significant number of people — mainly Americans — cancelling or changing their itineraries to go to Fiji, the Cook Islands, or other Pacific destinations or to stay longer in Australia or New Zealand."

Dr Bellamy admitted that there appeared to be little leakage from the nuclear explosion beneath Muroroa, but he said that the atoll had already been badly affected by previous tests. All kinds of action — whether against atomic testing or the dumping of oil industry waste at sea — should, however, he said, be based on ethical rather than necessarily practical considerations.



The Travel Business
HARVEY ELLIOTT

My flying misery

I HAVE to admit to a frisson of pleasure this week as Britain's tourism experts complained about the kind of problems holidaymakers — their clients — long ago learnt to accept. From the moment the Association of British Travel agents said it would hold its annual conference in South Africa, there were excuses for staying at home.

It was too far away and would mean many being out of the office too long ... those invited had had a bad year financially and could not afford it ... excursions were too expensive ... and in the height of the tourist season — all flights would be full. How right they were.

As the much-depleted group checked in at Heathrow for the British Airways or South African Airways flight to Johannesburg, the hapless travel agents and tour operators were given a notice urging them not to go — and offering up to £400 if they would at least take a later flight when a seat might be found.

Even some of those who had paid the full £2,000-plus return fare were told they would have to travel in economy class. People who turned up with less than an hour and a half to go before takeoff found that their seats had been given to someone else.

Those employed in travel are, generally, cosseted and nurtured by airlines and nearly always provided with an upgrade from economy to business or business to first class. Not this time. Travel agents unused to flying in the back of planes were aghast as pleas for special treatment went unheeded.

Abta had negotiated a discount for them from the usual economy return fare of £1,119; but that was as far as it went. Unless they went the long way round, they had two choices: BA or SAA.

I flew with dozens of the delegates on BA's Boeing 747-400 non-stop service and it was probably the worst, most uncomfortable flight I have ever had. Great excitement was caused last month by the launch of BA's new first and club-class cabins, but little attention was paid to the vast majority of passengers who fly in economy. They, we are told, will be considered next year when the cabin is refurbished. Much needs to be done.

The ten-and-a-half-hour overnight flight to Johannesburg is in cramped seats in which sleep is impossible. The dinner is poor, badly served by an understaffed crew with too few trolleys. So they have to run back and forth to the galleys to serve rows individually. Breakfast was inedible and there were too few toilets.

The reasons are plain. BA and SAA have a duopoly on the route, so fares are high, service is low and the airlines can treat passengers almost with disdain as they reap in the biggest profits anywhere on their route network.

Ski resorts club together

IN AN attempt to promote Austrian skiing 18 of the country's main resorts have formed themselves into a club called Top Ski Austria, *Graham Duffill writes.*

Launched in London last week, the club offers members cut-price ski hire in Intersport shops at the resorts, including free daily ski waxing, and free equipment hire for children under seven.

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BAA opens factory shops

BY DAVID CHURCHILL

BAA, owner of Heathrow and Gatwick airports, tomorrow opens its first "factory" outlet shopping mall on the Continent, at Troyes, 100 miles southeast of Paris. The move follows the opening earlier this year by BAA of an American-style outlet at Cheshire Oaks, near Chester.

Factory outlets usually sell end-of-season designer labels, stock overruns and slight seconds from big names at prices about 30 per cent lower than on high streets.

BAA has linked with the American operator McArthur Glenn to develop shopping villages throughout Europe.

The criterion is that outlets must be near major roads for easy motoring access. The Chester outlet attracted more than 60,000 shoppers on its first weekend. Sales have since been about 50 per cent above target.

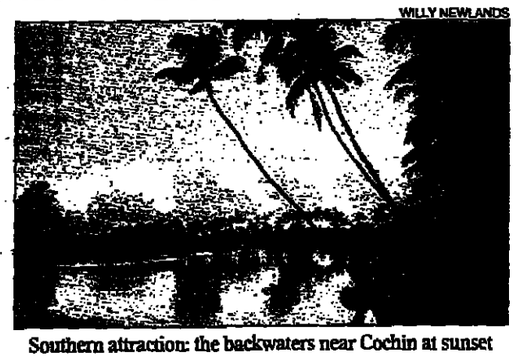
Kerala welcomes charters

BY WILLY NEWLANDS

THE southernmost tip of India makes its bid this winter to become an important holiday destination, when charter flights by two British airlines start operating to Trivandrum, in Kerala. However, planners in the state emphasise that they do not want to become another Goa.

The Indian Government has been slow to welcome international charter flights and package holidaymakers. Goa is the only area currently open to mass-market tourism. Kerala's Secretary of Tourism, K. Jayakumar, says: "We have about 100,000 overseas visitors a year, arriving on scheduled flights, but we are aiming for half a million. The UK is our biggest market.

"Kerala, which already hosts more than one million Indian holidaymakers every year, plus many more pilgrims, is ready to develop beach hotels with major chains such as Taj, Oberoi and Lila Beach. We shall break out of the backpacker cycle." One of the main problems for tourist development has been finding virgin sites on which to build hotels.



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Southern attraction: the backwaters near Cochin at sunset

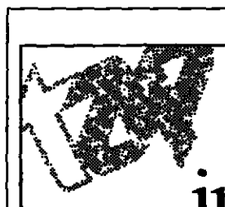
Kerala is India's most literate and most densely populated state, and cities such as Cochin were among the first visited by Western traders. But most of its recent prosperity has come from earnings sent home by its workers in the Gulf.

E. M. Najeeb, of the Great India Tour Company, said that Kerala, with its palm-fringed backwaters, beaches and hill stations, would be a different experience from the rest of the country.

Visitors arriving on Monarch and Caledonian flights during the October-March season will be offered a mix of excellent beach hotels — such as the Kovalam and Blue Lagoon — coupled with canal-boat cruises on the 1,000 miles of inland backwaters, now replacing Kashmir's fabled lake houseboats.

Mia Strudwick, product manager of Inspirations, says: "It is going to be as popular as Goa and many of our customers are moving to Kerala. Manos, Somak and ourselves are the guinea-pigs this winter but we expect the big operators to try to catch up with us next season. Prices start at £418 for B&B in a guesthouse."

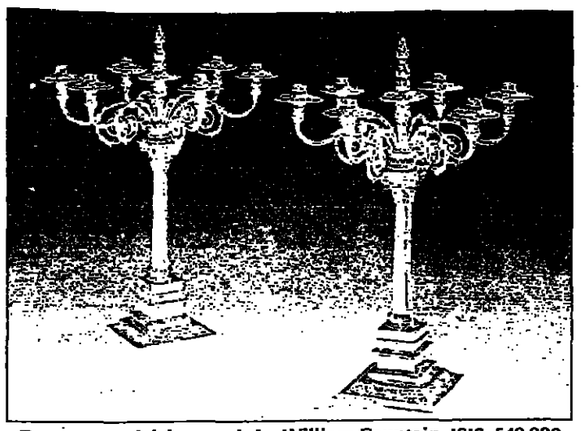
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Joseph Connolly attempts the difficult, yet delightful, task of spotting the best buys at the next big antiques show

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Regency candelabra made by William Fountain, 1812: £48,000

CLOSE-UP ON ALBERT'S CROWNING GLORY

A FREQUENT delight of antiques fairs is an attendant satellite exhibition that gives visitors the chance to see something unusual. This autumn, the opportunity is unique — four 8ft tall bronzes by the Victorian sculptor J. Redfern depicting the Christian virtues: Faith, Hope, Charity and Humility. For the past 120 years, these statues have sat near the summit of the Albert Memorial, well beyond the scope of study to all but birds and bird watchers. The memorial is undergoing a £14 million restoration at the hands of English Heritage, which has authorised the loan — along with some of the highly intricate lead work. The exhibition is particularly appropriate to this year's show because its venue, the Royal College of Art, is directly opposite the memorial itself. Because one tends to think of the Albert Memorial as one huge, encrusted stalagmite, it comes as something of a shock to learn that these massive bronzes are just four of 200 separate sculptures that adorn the memorial, all of which, in common with the structure itself, are to be restored and replaced in time for the grand re-opening in 1999.

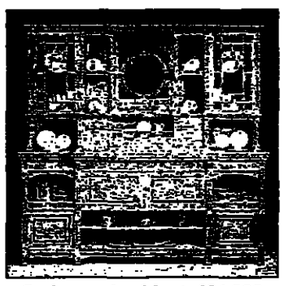
For dealers and collectors alike, the autumn Lapada Fine Art and Antiques Show is always a keenly awaited event in the calendar. But this year's show at the Royal College of Art is likely to be exceptional in terms of both the quality and range on offer.

Lapada is the UK's largest association of professional art and antique dealers, and this year more than 60 of its 750 members will be showing a dizzying array of fine objects and paintings spanning just about every field of serious collecting. Not so serious, however, that all the prices are in the stratosphere. Some curios will cost as little as £35, along with pieces whose prices reach into six figures.

Lapada's attitude to collecting is that would-be enthusiasts should be attracted to the world of antiques in general, and the Lapada fair in particular, rather than be put off by jargon, unreachable prices and the mystique that for centuries less enlightened individual dealers have taken care to reinforce.

Lapada's Code of Practice suggests that it should be fun to track down an elusive piece for the home or collection but that at the same time the buyer should have complete confidence in the provenance and description of what he or she is buying, as well as in the fairness of the price.

So Lapada ensures that each item on show is carefully and independently vetted for authenticity. Written invoices, with brief descriptions, are supplied and every piece is guaranteed to be precisely what the dealer says it is. In the unlikely event of an error, full refunds are automatic. Other services offered by the association include a free computerised system to enable buyers or sellers to locate a suitable specialist dealer nationwide, as well as valuations and authentications — or, in the case of export, a Certificate of Age, as well as the names of professional and authorised shippers.



Satinwood cabinet: £24,000

As ever with a show of such scope and quality, it is difficult — although a delight — to pick out highlights and favourites ... glass flasks and scent bottles dating from the 2nd century or a superb South Italian Apulian bell krater, a beautifully painted black urn with handles, of 500 years earlier? Vanessa Purcell Antiquities is offering them, at prices ranging from £2,500 for the urn down to £100.

Or you can come forward to the Victorian era and admire an oak serving table (c.1855) attributed to E.W. Pugin, son of the master of Gothic revival, A.W.N. Pugin, who designed the Houses of Parliament. This piece is available from The Country Seat, run by Harvey Ferry, the chairman of the Lapada show, at £10,000, and picks up rather nicely on one of the main themes of this year's show: Victorian Gothic.

There is a vast range of covetable items from the store of British, European, and oriental treasures. They span textiles, silver, oak, country and town furniture, carpets, drawings, bronzes, jewellery, pottery, glass, porcelain and a large variety of paintings. One 1884 painting — price £4,750 from Anthony Beaumont Fine Oil Paintings — takes its charming title and subject matter from Dickens's *Martin Chuzzlewit*: "Rustling among last year's leaves whose scent was memory, Mr. Pecksniff strolled".



South Italian Apulian vase, from the 4th to 3rd century: £2,500

I particularly like a pair of George III silver six-branch candelabra — £48,000 from Marks Antiques. More accessible is a large selection of Windsor chairs: 25 from the 19th century and 16 from the 18th, costing £3,500 from Bugle Antiques. In addition to all these there is a wealth of those unclassifiable little wonders variously called "decorative accessories", "*objets d'art*" and "collectables". What more could a collector wish for?

● *The Lapada Show is at the Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, London SW7, next week, from Tuesday to Sunday, 11am to 8pm weekdays and 11am to 6pm weekends. Tickets are £10 single and £16 double.*

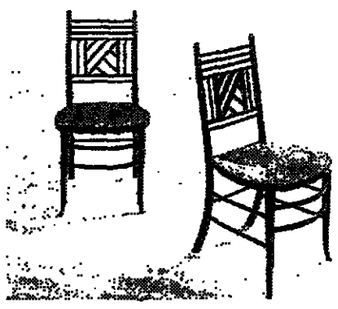
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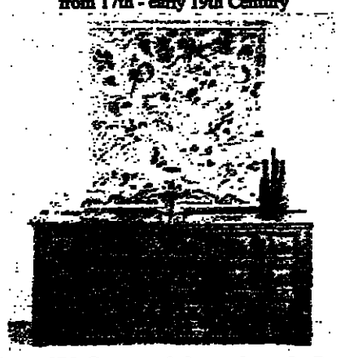
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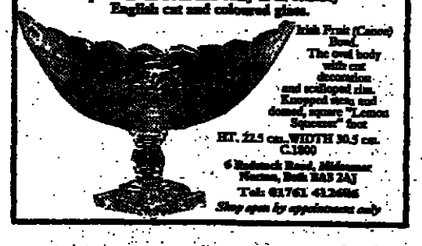
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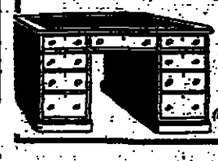
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Gascoigne's injury spreads anguish across the border

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

WEAR and tear has left Rangers' European Cup Champions' League prospects in dilapidated condition. Paul Gascoigne, who suffered a thigh strain in the 2-1 victory over Motherwell on Tuesday, will struggle to recover in time for the match with Juventus in Turin on October 18.

He is certainly ruled out of England's friendly in Oslo on Wednesday and Rangers are brooding over the future congestion that they believe has harmed Gascoigne.

In addition, Ally McCoist, who also picked up a thigh strain on Tuesday, and Brian Laudrup, in a period of enforced rest after an ankle injury, may also be unavailable for the Juventus game. McCoist is also expected to announce his withdrawal from the Scotland squad for the friendly in Sweden next week.

The Rangers manager, Walter Smith, is especially crestfallen to lose the Englishman. "It is disappointing to find that injuries have followed Gascoigne from Italy," he said. "We would have thought that he might be over that. I feel that his injury has been caused by our programme of eight games in 24 days. That is a heck of a lot of football."

Rangers could be criticised for not resting Gascoigne in that period. He was only given respite once, when used as a substitute against Falkirk. However, the club has been attempting to accustom him to regular football again after three years in Italy, where he averaged only 14 appearances a season.

The strategy had appeared to be paying dividends. Gascoigne scored in Rangers' victory over Celtic on Saturday and claimed the opening goal on Tuesday. Disappointment, though, is tempered by relief that his injury has proved to be of routine.

Terry Venables, the England manager, has his own routine problem: how to replace his most treasured asset. Robert Lee, of Newcastle, who replaced Gascoigne after 75 minutes of the international against Colombia at Wembley last month, is the obvious choice, but Venables may take the chance to look at one of his two uncapped newcomers — Gareth Southgate and Steve Stone. Another name for consideration is that of Matthew Le Tissier, the Southampton playmaker, whose latest omission from Venables' squad caused another media outcry.

Venables delayed a decision on calling-up a replacement, saying: "Most likely, I will wait until tonight's [Wednesday's] games are out of the way and then clear up any squad rebuilding before the rest of the players gather."

Venables's problems have multiplied steadily, with David Platt and Peter Beardsley on the injured list, John Barnes on compassionate leave, David Batty dropped and Paul Ince yet to find favour since pulling out of the Umbro Cup squad in the summer for personal reasons.

Celtic have brought to a conclusion their protracted bid for the Dunfermline Athletic full back, Jackie McNamara. The clubs had failed to agree a fee last week, but a fresh offer of £600,000 proved sufficient for the under-21 international.

McNamara discussed personal terms with Tommy Burns, the Celtic manager, yesterday. "It is a position that we are not well served in at the moment and one I would like to strengthen," Burns said.

Dick Campbell, the Dunfermline assistant manager, had resigned himself to the fact that a player he has coached from a young age would move just as he is beginning to realise his potential. "I am very disappointed, although I am delighted for the player because this opportunity might have passed him by," Campbell said. "Jackie is a great lad and a top-class player who I feel will be better when surrounded by better players."



Betts was regarded as the epitome of Wigan's single-minded approach. Photograph: John Houlihan

Time for Betts to make his mark

Andrew Longmore finds an England warrior enjoying a place in the spotlight

Just for a second, a flicker of irritation crept into the mellow voice of Denis Betts. "Nobody invited you to sit here: why don't you take some tea and go over there?" he said, pointing to another chair. Martin Offiah, who had disrupted our interview by snoring loudly, ignored the invitation.

Betts's annoyance quickly passed, but taking things lightly has never been one of his trademarks. Rugby league is serious, life is serious and the new mantle of the England vice-captaincy, the first hint of recognition from on high, will be worn with due respect as well. Besides, having spent a decade feeding his mercurial wing tries and celebrity at Wigan, this was going to be his show.

Casual observers of rugby league will be pushed to put a face to the name of Denis Betts. Ellery Hanley, Offiah, Shaun Edwards and Jonathan Davies are the men who have brought the game to a wider audience, not Betts. For future reference, he is the blond one on the left — alongside Offiah — in the BBC's trailer for the Halifax World Cup, which begins with England against Australia at Wembley on Saturday.

Yet many inside the game will say that Wigan's dominance and Great Britain's resurgence has been built as much on the consistency, pace and athleticism of their second-row forward as the more obvious skills of the glamour boy backs. "He has the ability of all great players," as one Rugby Football League official neatly put it, "to do something when something needs doing."

The dismay that greeted Betts's departure to Auckland Warriors earlier this year reflected the depth of his influence at Wigan. Betts, 26, had been with the club for a decade, since being rejected by Manchester United — "I was top scorer in the B team for two seasons" — and signing at the age of 16, and had become a symbol of Wigan's search for perfection.

Making his debut at 17, on the wing, a regular member of the team by 18, Betts has always been more mature than his years. He has collected enough silverware to fill the trophy cabinet at Old Trafford and won 25 caps for Great Britain. Typically, though, he dismisses his seven Challenge Cup and six championship medals as irrelevant and wants them kept stashed away in his mother's attic. "She wants to take them out and show everyone, but they're not badges of honour I want to wear until I'm finished," he said.

The same line of thought persuaded Betts to rejoin John Monie, his former coach at Wigan, in Auckland. "It wasn't about money, it was about finding new challenges," he said. "In years to come, I don't want to think I sat back and just got by. I'd done everything at Wigan and I wanted to prove myself again." Touchingly, though, he had not guessed just how much would be expected of him.

"They saw me as the great white hope and all that and I was beginning to think 'this is not true'," he said. "I'm a hard worker, not a bad player, but I do a job. I won't score six or seven tries a game, that's not me. Luckily, I scored a couple of tries early on and everyone settled down.

"I was one of those who said it was all hype about league in the southern hemisphere being tougher than over here, but I was wrong. Overall, they're physically stronger and quicker and mentally tougher than we are. That's because they play fewer games."

Betts's experience overseas in the next four years — along with that gained by Phil Clarke at Sydney — will be invaluable in narrowing the gap between the British and Australian games and he is surely being groomed as a future captain. He has the right air of authority for the task, but it is not on a shopping list of ambitions headed by victory in the World Cup.

"We have got a chance to bring the Cup home, just like 1966," he said. With Betts — blond, competent, unruffled — in the role of Bobby Moore, that sounds about right.

IRFB puts country before club in revised regulations

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) has prohibited club contracts from cutting across national requirements in its revised regulations for open rugby. Another ruling that will have caught the attention of club administrators forbids the negotiation of broadcasting rights by bodies other than national unions.

No player would wish to decrease his prospects of playing international rugby — which, in any case, will bring financial reward in the immediate rather than long-term future — but, if he is to sign a club contract, he will need to be sure that the requirements of his primary employer complement those of his secondary employer, which, in England's case, would be the Rugby Football Union (RFU).

Already several players are taking legal advice, but the RFU and the senior clubs, whose representatives meet the RFU Commission today, need a frank exchange of views. "It's a contract that all three parties — players, clubs and union — must relate to," Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, said. The clubs are clearly worried that we will deny them their rights, but the *primus inter pares* must be the international player."

Few clubs are in a position to offer the kind of contract that the RFU should be able to formulate, though that will change, but the issue of contractual obligations ties in with the structure of the competitive season, which now needs to be overhauled to take in the European dimension.

Europe offers additional commercial elements, including a new television deal, which should be concluded this week. While first division clubs have in the past been in touch directly with broadcasters, they are precluded from making their own arrangements by the new regulation.

Wales, who are today expected to name their new national coach, include 12 full internationals in their A team to play the Fijians in the first match of their tour in Bridgend on October 21.

WALES A: J Thomas (Llanelli); A Harris (Swansea), G Jones (Bridgend), G Thomas (Bridgend), W Proctor (Llanelli); A Davies (Cardiff), P John (Pontypridd, captain), A Lewis (Cardiff), R McBryde (Llanelli), S John (Llanelli), A Gibbs (Newbridge), G Prosser (Pontypridd), A Moore (Swansea), O Lloyd (Llanelli), S Williams (Neath). Replacements: M Taylor (Swansea), M McCarthy (Llanelli), R Howley (Bridgend), C Wyatt (Neath), L Mustoe (Cardiff), A Lamerton (Llanelli).

Striker takes turn on receiving end

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

SOUTH American football is littered with incidents of police having to enter the field of play to separate the warring factions of officials, players and supporters. Few, however, could have imagined the scenes that took place at Dean Court, Bournemouth, on Tuesday night.

Watford had just beaten Bournemouth 6-5 in a penalty shoot-out after the aggregate score had finished 2-2 in their Coca-Cola Cup second-round tie, and Kevin Phillips, the Watford striker, felt moved to join his team-mates in celebration on the pitch. He had not played because of a thigh injury, but had watched from the dug-out.

What happened next, though, was not so much Dorset Cops as Keystone Cops. As the police dealt with a number of Watford supporters who were also dancing joyously on the pitch, Phillips, 22, was mistaken for one of the unlawful invaders and struck by a truncheon. Yesterday morning, he was nursing another injury — a bruised shoulder.

"The police officer hit me on the back of the shoulder as I was trying to celebrate," Phillips, a former warehouseman, said. "I'm going to make an official complaint to Dorset Police because I don't feel it's right that it should have happened."

Glenn Roeder, the Watford manager, witnessed the incident and intervened quickly to prevent the situation degenerating. John Alexander, the Watford secretary, also saw it. "Kevin is very upset and shocked," Alexander said. "We have also heard several other complaints from our supporters, who say the police totally overreacted."

Yesterday, the Endsleigh Insurance League first division club was collating evidence and taking legal advice on the evening it felt the long arm of the law. In a statement, Watford said: "Over the years, Watford fans have gained a deserved reputation as well-behaved and family orientated. We are determined to protect that reputation."

A Dorset Police spokesman said: "Our only knowledge of the incident is through the media. If a complaint is received we will of course carry out a full investigation." A Football Association spokesman said: "The issue has not yet been raised with us. We can act only if we receive a report from Watford, the police or the referee."

Robinson reaps instant reward

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

YORK City's exploits against Manchester United may have taken the spotlight, but Charlton Athletic's performance in scoring eight goals against Wimbledon to eliminate them from the Coca-Cola Cup was at outstanding achievement by the Endsleigh Insurance League first division side.

Charlton drew 3-3 at The Valley on Tuesday night to earn a place in the third round at the FA Carling Premiership club's expense. Their 8-7 aggregate victory was secured in extra time when John Robinson scored the fifteenth goal of a dramatic tie.

Robinson has struggled to command a first-team place this season and was on a week-to-week contract until Saturday, when he agreed a new one-year deal. It was a decision that paid immediate dividends. "It was a load off my mind," Robinson said. "You go out to play under pressure, thinking that they might not offer you what you want unless you perform every week, but the pressure was off against Wimbledon."

Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, was left to begin a search for new talent. "We gave away bad goals and our full backs cost us two of them," Kinnear said. "I want to bring in new faces now and full backs will be top of my list. I have been loyal to the players so far, but now is the time to act."

Unlike Kinnear, Colin Murphy could reflect positively on a defeat. The Notts County manager saw his team, which had forced a goalless draw at Elland Road, concede a last-minute goal to Gary Speed and lose 3-2 to Leeds United at Meadow Lane, but Murphy hopes that the second division club could provide the country's leading goalscorer this season.

Devon White scored both County goals to take his total to 13 in 14 matches and Murphy, who introduced the 6ft 3in striker to the professional game at Lincoln City 11 years ago, believes that White can lead County to promotion. "At the start of the season, I asked Devon if he could get 20 goals for me," Murphy said. "Now I've got to ask if he can get 30. People are always telling me he can't play, but Devon's a big problem for anybody. There's no reason why he shouldn't finish up top scorer in the country."

Kevin Gallen, in contrast, was scoring his first goal of the season on Tuesday, but it was enough for Queens Park Rangers to reach the third round as they saw off the challenge of Oxford United.

Gallen was only included in the team at the last moment when Trevor Sinclair withdrew and scored the decisive goal in a 2-1 victory in the first minute of extra time.

Oxford yesterday completed the signing of Joey Beauchamp from Swindon Town for £300,000, 16 months after the winger had left the Manor Ground for West Ham United in a £1 million deal. Beauchamp was unable to settle at Upton Park and joined Swindon without playing for the London club.



Beauchamp: returned

RESULTS FOOTBALL RESULTS

COCA-COLA CUP: Second round, second leg: Arsenal 5 Hartlepool United 0 (Arsenal win 8-0 on agg); Barnsley 4 Huddersfield Town 0 (Barnsley win 4-2 on agg); Bournemouth 1 Watford 1 (aet; 0-0 after 90 minutes; 2-2 on agg; Watford win 6-5 on pens); Brentford 2 Bolton Wanderers 3 (Bolton Wanderers win 4-2 on agg); Burnley 0 Leicester City 2 (Leicester City win 4-0 on agg); Bury 4 Sheffield United 2 (Bury win 5-4 on agg); Charlton Athletic 3 Wimbledon 3 (aet; 2-3 after 90 minutes; Charlton Athletic win 8-7 on agg); Crystal Palace 2 Southend United 0 (Crystal Palace win 4-2 on agg); Fulham 1 Wolverhampton Wanderers 5 (Wolverhampton Wanderers win 7-1 on agg); Grimsby Town 1 Birmingham City 1 (Birmingham City win 4-2 on agg); Ipswich Town 1 Stockport County 2 (aet; 1-1 after 90 minutes; Stockport County win 2-0 on agg); Notts County 2 Leeds United 3 (Leeds United win 3-2 on agg); Peterborough United 1 Aston Villa 1 (Aston Villa win 7-1 on agg); Queens Park Rangers 2 Oxford United 1 (aet; 1-1 after 90 minutes; Queens Park Rangers win 3-2 on agg); Rotherham United 0 Middlesbrough 1 (Middlesbrough win 3-1 on agg); West Bromwich Albion 2 Reading 4 (Reading win 5-3 on agg); York City 1 Manchester United 3 (York City win 4-3 on agg).

SPALDING CHALLENGE CUP: First round, second leg: Farnborough 3 Bath 2 (Farnborough win 6-2 on agg); Northwich 0 Telford 3 (Telford win 4-2 on agg); Slough 3 Dagenham and Redbridge 0 (Slough win 6-0 on agg).

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Rangers 2 Motherwell 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	6	5	0	1	11	2	15
Aberdeen	5	3	1	1	11	7	10
Celtic	5	3	1	1	9	5	10
Hibernian	5	2	3	0	8	4	9
Motherwell	6	1	4	1	7	5	7
Partick	5	1	3	1	6	6	6
Raith	5	2	0	3	5	9	6
Hearts	5	1	2	2	7	10	5
Falkirk	5	0	2	3	4	10	2
Kilmarnock	5	0	0	5	1	11	0

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Bamber Bridge 2 Barrow 2; Buxton 0 Droylsden 3; Emley 0 Spennymoor 2; Frickley 1 Boston 2; Gainsborough 2 Mallock 2; Marine 2 Knowsley 1. First division: Atherton LR 1 Fleetwood 0; Harrogate Town 2 Lincoln United 5; Lancaster 5 Leigh 2; Netherfield 2 Gretna 2; Whitley Bay 2 Bradford Park Avenue 1; Workington 0 Great Harwood 0.

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chertsey 0 Aylesbury 3; Enfield 4 Walton and Hersham 0; Hayes 2 Worthing 0; Kingstonian 1 Grays 0.

Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Enfield	11	8	2	1	25	7	26
Carshalton	9	7	1	1	17	9	22
Aylesbury	10	6	3	1	23	9	21
Hayes	8	5	3	0	13	4	18
Dulwich	8	5	2	1	17	7	17
Boreham W	6	5	2	1	13	7	17
Kingstonian	10	3	6	1	13	10	15
St Albans	8	4	2	2	16	9	14
Chertsey Town	9	4	2	3	14	14	14
Harrow B	8	3	2	3	14	12	11
Yeovil	9	3	2	4	14	14	11
Sutton Utd	9	2	4	3	15	16	10
Bishop's S	8	2	4	2	10	11	10
Yeading	9	2	4	3	8	11	10
Grays	9	1	3	5	6	13	6
Bromley	8	1	2	5	7	13	5
Hitchin	8	1	2	5	7	17	5
Molesey	8	1	2	5	5	17	5
Purfleet	7	0	4	3	5	12	4
Worthing	8	0	4	4	6	14	4
Walton & H	9	1	1	7	6	20	4
Handon	7	0	3	4	5	13	3

First division: Thame 2 Aldershot Town 2; Wembley 3 Wokingham 1. Second division: Banstead 3 Ware 0, Canvey Island 2 Bedford Town 2; Dorking 1 Hungerford 6. Third division: Harefield 0 Tring 2; Hertford 0 Leighton 3; Northwood 6 Clapton 1; Southall 1 Epsom and Ewell 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Dr Martens Cup: Preliminary round, first leg: Cinderford 1 Merthyr Tydfil 4.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division League Cup: First round: Basildon 4 Eton Manor 1; Stansted 0 Burnham Ramblers 0.

FA CARLSBERG VASE: Second qualifying round replay: Louth 0 Nettleham 1; Maine Road 5 Heanor 2; Bolehall Swifts 1 Shifnal 3; Wellingborough 3 Newport Pagnell 0; Mirrless Blackstone 2 Eynesbury 1; Spalding 2 Witham 1; Welwyn Garden City 0 Brentwood 1; Hoddesdon 4 Amersham 0; Folkestone Invicta 4 Windsor and Eton 5; Faversham 3 Horsham YMCA 4; Bracknell 4 Croydon Ath 3; Ryde 3 Bicester 1.

LEAGUE OF WALES: League Cup: Group one: Bangor City 2 Porthmadog 3. Group two: Connah's Quay 5 Rhyl 4; Flint Town 7 Holywell 1. Group three: Caersws 3 Newtown 0. Group four: Afan Lido 1 Briton Ferry 0.

ULSTER CUP: Quarter-finals: Crusaders 1 Distillery 1 (aet; score after 90 minutes 1-1; Crusaders win 5-5 on pens); Glenavon 2 Glentoran 0; Coleraine 0 Linfield 1; Ards 1 Portadown 2.

FAI NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Semi-finals: Sligo 3 Drogheda 2.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Shoreham 5 Crowborough 0. Postponed: Three Bridges v Pagham.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Chester-le-Street 5 Eppleton CW 2; Tow Law 5 Dunston Federation 1.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: League Cup: First round: Halesowen Harriers 1 Barwell 1; Rocester 0 Willenhall 0. Postponed: Chasetown v Shifnal. Second round: Armitage 1 Stakenall 5.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Clacton 2 Halstead 5; Hadleigh 0 Felixstowe 2.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Bemerton Heath 1 BAT 1.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Royston 3 Langford 0; Potters Bar 0 Arlesey 2; Milton Keynes 2 Toddington 1. Postponed: Letchworth v Welwyn Garden.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES: Floodlit Trophy: First round, first leg: Blackpool Rovers 4 Blackpool Mechanics 1; Boodle 1 Vauxhall GM 2; Burscough 3 St Helens 0; Darwen 2 Rossendale 0; Eastwood Hanley 1 Newcastle Town 3; Flixton 5 Atherton Collieries 0; Haslingden 2 Bacup 0; Prescot 2 Skelmersdale 3; Trafford 2 Salford 1. Postponed: Chadderton v Glossop North End; Holker Old Boys v Penrith; Moseley v Maine Road.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: League Cup: Plymouth 2 Bath 1.

GERMAN CUP: Third round: Kaiserslautern 1 Schalke 0.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Nantes 2 AS Monaco 2.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

In the first exchanges of an auction, the most important thing the partnership is looking for is a major suit fit. So if your partner opens in a major suit and you have four, you should certainly raise it straight away.

How high should you raise? The general idea is that a raise from one to two shows about five to nine points. A raise to three has 10 - 11 points (remember, the raise to Three is a limit bid — the opener does not have to bid again). A game raise shows 12 — 15 points. For the game raise, I am talking about rubber bridge practice. Duplicate players play certain conventions to distinguish between pre-emptive game raises and value game raises. When raisng you can add a point or two to a hand with good distribution and subtract one or two for unfavourable features such as too many of the points in the trump suit, or unsupported minor honours in the side suits. What would you bid on these hands if your partner opened One Spade ?

♠J864 ♥52
♦A643 ♣K63

A routine raise to Two Spades

♠J9763 ♥5
♦A643 ♣K63

Now you are full value for a raise to Three Spades. Yet in terms of high cards you have the same strength as the previous hand. The reason for the different treatment is that on the second hand you have five trumps rather than four and you have a singleton heart instead of a doubleton. One evaluation method advocates adding a point for a doubleton and two for a singleton. How about:

♠AKQ2 ♥42
♦J732 ♣1064

The above recipe implies you are worth Three Spades — you have 10 high-card points, and one more for the doubleton. I think it is only worth Two Spades — the extra honours in spades are a bit wasted, and the hand has too many losers in the other suits. Now take this hand:

♠Q1093 ♥42
♦A864 ♣A63

which is exactly the same shape and point count, but now you have an eminently sound raise to Three Spades. The difference is that the cards are in more suitable places, and you have aces — at four points, somewhat undervalued.

A new monograph by Brian Senior (*Raising Partner*, Batsford £8.99) discusses the whole topic in a clear and concise manner.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Battle Royal

Garry Kasparov, the world champion, has moved a point closer to the successful defence of his title by winning the fourteenth game of the Intel World Championship in New York. This game, was, however, no pushover for the champion. On the sixteenth move Kasparov offered a draw, realising that his opening had misfired and that his central installations were in danger of collapse. Anand, the challenger, refused and a bitter middlegame battle developed in which both players became desperately short of time.

In a complicated situation, Kasparov added fuel to the flames by hazarding a speculative piece sacrifice on move 27. Anand declined, but with Kasparov's forces on active squares, Kasparov powered through on both flanks. During the final time scramble Anand's position collapsed and Kasparov moved three points ahead in the match.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Viswanathan Anand
Intel World Championship, Game 14, 1995

Centre Counter Defence

1	e4	d5
2	exd5	Qxd5
3	Nc3	Qa5
4	d4	Nf6
5	Nf3	c6
6	Ne5	Be6
7	Bd3	Nbd7
8	f4	g6
9	0-0	Bg7
10	Kh1	Bf5
11	Bc4	e6
12	Be2	h5
13	Be3	Rd8
14	Bg1	0-0
15	Bf3	Nd5
16	Nxd5	exd5
17	Bf2	Qc7
18	Rc1	f6
19	Nd3	Rfe8
20	b3	Nb6
21	a4	Nc8
22	c4	Qf7
23	a5	Bf8
24	cxd5	cxd5
25	Bh4	Nd6
26	a6	b6
27	Ne5	Qe6
28	g4	hxg4
29	Nxg4	Bg7
30	Rc7	Ne4
31	Ne3	Bh3
32	Rg1	g5
33	Bg4	Bxg4
34	Qxg4	Qxg4
35	Rxg4	Nd6
36	Bf2	Nb5
37	Rb7	Re4
38	f5	Rxg4
39	Nxg4	Rc8
40	Rd7	Rc2
41	Rxd5	Black resigns

In the final position, although only a pawn down, Black's position is hopeless. For example 41 ... Nc7 42 Rd8+ Kf7 43 Rd7+ Kg8 44 d5 Nxa6 45 Rxa7.

Times World Championship Book

A full account of the match will appear in a *Times* book by Raymond Keene, *World Chess Championship: Kasparov v Anand* (Batsford £9.99), which will be published two days after the result is known. Credit card orders on 01376 327901.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Saturday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

Match Score

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Kasparov	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	1	1	½	1	1	8½
Anand	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	0	0	½	0	0	5½

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

OKTA
a. Yellow pepper
b. An eighth of the sky
c. An Ottoman magistrate

RODNEY
a. A fishing boat
b. A homosexual
c. To swank

RESHT
a. "Halt" cry to huskies
b. Georgian boasting
c. Patchwork

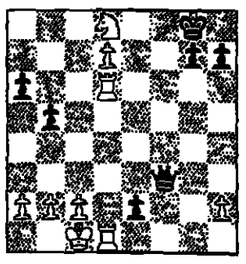
OBOSOM
a. A thin woman
b. God
c. The Devil

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Short - Kasparov, Times World Championship, game 10, 1993. Black can capture the white rook on d1 with check but, actually, he has a much stronger continuation. What is it?



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Lewis risks everything by meeting Morrison

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT
IN ATLANTIC CITY

LENNOX LEWIS embarks on the most dangerous assignment of his career here on Saturday when he meets Tommy Morrison, of the United States, who is studiously avoided by all leading contenders unless a world championship is at stake.

Lewis, determined to remind the world that he is one of its top three heavyweights, along with Riddick Bowe and Mike Tyson, has been forced into this non-title bout with one of the heaviest punchers in the world as result of boxing politics. The bout is one of a series organised by HBO (Home Box Office, the American cable television service) to find the best heavyweight in the world after the decision by the three leading world bodies — the World Boxing Council (WBC), the World Boxing Association (WBA) and the International Boxing Federation (IBF) — not to rank Bowe, who is universally acclaimed as No 1 heavyweight.

Because of the WBC's delay in enforcing its own ruling giving Lewis the right of first challenge for Frank Bruno's WBC title, Lewis has had to enter the HBO tournament. He is not prepared to sit back and do nothing — as some have — for fear of losing their place in the championship queue.

The bout with Morrison should have taken place 18 months ago, when both Lewis and Morrison were champions, but then Morrison surprisingly lost his WBO title to Michael Bentt. That defeat cost Lewis the chance to make $8.5 million (about £5.5 million) and Morrison $8.1 million. They have both taken cuts of $6 million for the pleasure of meeting each other now.

If Lewis loses, his chance to regain the championship from Bruno will be gone forever. As Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, said yesterday: "Whoever loses has nowhere to go. They've both got so much to lose. This fight will be over in four rounds — one way or another."



Lewis: demands respect

However, as Morrison is a harder puncher and a better boxer than Oliver McCall, who stopped Lewis in two rounds, a win now could silence those who say that Lewis is "gun shy".

Lewis said: "I'm in a situation where I can't win. People who were telling me to knock out McCall are the same people who are telling me now to be cautious, but if I'm careful for a couple of rounds, they say I am gun shy.

"Nobody likes losing, but I think that defeat will eventually be a blessing for me. It's made me even more determined to succeed. I can't stand those fighters who go around avoiding each other. One thing you won't be able to say about Lennox Lewis is that he avoided people."

Lewis, who arrived here on Monday after six weeks' training in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania, added: "I'm fighting for respect. That's why I'm taking fights like this. Tommy has improved a hell of a lot, but I've improved as well with Emanuel Steward."

Steward said that Lewis had been sparring with unbeaten heavyweights, trying to make a name for themselves at Lewis's expense in the gym. They had come with their cornermen, who exhorted them to go all out. "These guys are pretty lively," Steward said. "They have been specially chosen because Morrison can be very quick."

Steward also revealed that Lewis had been using 20oz gloves specially made for him to strengthen his arms even more and give him extra speed when he wears 10oz gloves in the bout. Steward has also improved Lewis's balance and shortened his punches, especially the long right that landed him in trouble when he missed with it against McCall.

Maloney said: "Everybody is going to be surprised to find out how much better Lennox is. After nine months with Manny, it has all knitted together."

Even though the WBC is under pressure from Don King to give first challenge for Bruno's title to Tyson, Maloney believes that it will honour its pledge to Lewis to give him first right of challenge. The British Boxing Board of Control is backing Lewis and, no doubt armed with the minutes of the last WBC convention last October, board members will go to the convention in Bangkok next month to ensure that the WBC does not change its mind.



Douglas Carruthers, of Lyle & Scott, tees off on the 4th at Dalmahoy Golf and Country Club yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Co-operation ensures trip to La Manga

BY MEL WEBB

DALMAHOY was at its beautiful, immaculate but demanding best yesterday for the Scotland and North-East regional final of *The Times* MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge and, by and large, the scores reflected it. The notable exceptions were the winners, who took on the East course and beat it in the worst of the weather.

The Co-operative Insurance Society booked a place in the national final, to be played at La Manga in southeast Spain in November, with a cohesive display of teamwork that was assisted by a large slice of local knowledge.

Jim Ewing is a 14-handicap member of the host club and his three team-mates admitted that his help with lines on the greens was an important factor in their posting a score of 90 Stableford points, three ahead of Seaforths Travel.

They needed help, too. Some of the pin placements were cruel and accurate play off the tee was a prerequisite for the best — and sometimes the only effective — line into the greens. The men from the Co-op got it right more often than most.

None of the winning quartet was in sparkling individual form, but the byword for their victory was teamwork. "It was uncanny," Mark Buxton, the team captain, said. "With one exception, somebody always came in with a score at every hole."

The team's only failure came at the 206-yard, par-three 7th, their 16th having started at the 10th, where nobody hit the green and nobody got up and down. By this point, they were gathering themselves for a final assault, and a lesser team might well have become deflated by the meagre two points they gleaned.

Not the Co-op. They bounced back with six points at the 8th and finished with a solid five on the last. "The 8th was an important hole for us," Mark Hook, who, with Roy Hogg, made up the team, said. "We knew we had to recover pretty quickly or else any chance we might have had would be gone."

The team were set on their way by a brilliant start, scoring 19 points in the first three holes. Buxton hit a three-wood to 18 inches on the 10th and made the putt for a birdie four for three points, and then Hogg sank a long putt for another birdie four which, with the benefit of the stroke he received, became an eagle three and four points.

A five-pointer followed at the 11th, and then a second seven-point haul at the 12th, played slightly down the powerful wind, completed a morale-boosting start. Ewing, the local man, found a novel way to play the hole — drive and embarrassingly thinned wedge shot to two and a half feet. The putt for a birdie three by the unabashed Ewing — "three points is all that matters," he said — gave the team a net four-point start on the hole. Buxton's three points completed a satisfyingly healthy opening.

They continued in much the same vein, and they reached the turn with 46 points, better by three than the nearest opposition. Then, with the wind and rain driving in at them, they came home with 44, a score that only one team equalled and nobody bettered all day.

RESULTS: 90: Co-operative Insurance Society Ltd. 87: Seaforths Travel. 84: Thermal Transfer (Scotland) Ltd. 81: Monklands and Bellshill Hospitals. 88: Nuclear Electric plc; Tubular Industries Scotland Ltd. 78: Doberman Horsman. 77: Golf Monthly; United Distillers. 76: Moorfite Electrical Ltd; Scottish Oils Ltd; Coopers & Lybrand. 75: McDermott Marine Construction Ltd; AOC International Ltd; Forbo-CP Ltd. 74: John Fyfe Ltd. 73: Citroen Fleet, Downie Wilson; Waverley Vintners Ltd. 72: Lyle & Scott; Citroen Northern Open; Northern Electric; Northgate Motor Holdings Ltd. 71: Holland & Sherry Ltd; Amoco UK Exploration Company; W & J Burns. 67: North-East Water. 66: Petroline Wireline Services Ltd.

Langer could yet gatecrash Scottish party

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES
IN BERLIN

IN THE absence of a distinguished Spanish pair, two swashbuckling Scots chasing the same prize are more than enough to add lustre to the Mercedes German Masters, which starts at the Motzener See Golf and Country Club, just south of Berlin, today.

Severiano Ballesteros, the defending champion, has withdrawn to Pedrena to succour his genius and José Maria Olazábal gave up the unequal battle with his bad foot and pulled out on medical advice. However, Sergio Gomez, Olazábal's manager, said yesterday that his man intends to play in the Dunhill Cup and the Volvo Masters.

Colin Montgomerie requested, and received, a last-minute invitation to Berlin. "The only reason I'm here is because of a certain Sam Torrance," Montgomerie said. "We've both got our goals. Mine is to win the order of merit three times in a row and Sam's never won it before."

Torrance, still sporting a post-Ryder Cup grin, confessed to raising an eyebrow at Montgomerie's late inclusion. "It just goes to show how seriously he's taking it," Torrance, whose dearest ambition it is to be Europe's No 1, said.

Montgomerie shared third place in the Smurfit European Open in Kildare, to hop back to the top of the Volvo Order of Merit with £626,651.40, just £980.12 ahead of Torrance. The pence could be important, for this tournament and the Volvo Masters at Valderrama in three weeks' time are the last events to count.

When Bernhard Langer stole the European Open from Barry Lane last Sunday, holing a putt the length of a cricket pitch and more to force a play-off, Langer also gave himself an outside chance of being No 1 for the first time since 1984.

He is £128,687.23 behind Montgomerie, but victory here would net him another £108,330 and, at Valderrama, where Langer won last year, the top prize is £125,000. Langer, who has registered nine of his 34 European victories in Germany, is hard to beat anywhere, but, at home, he positively thrives.

He has played in 13 events to Torrance's 24 and Montgomerie's 18, but said that he had not entered for the Volvo Masters yet and that to be European No 1 for the third time was not important to his career at present.

"I'm in all the majors and all the tournaments I can be in," Langer said. He is not averse to winning, however, and his reaction to that putt in Ireland was far from stoical. His brother, Erwin, the co-promoter of this event, saw it on television and remarked that he had never seen such a display of emotion from him.

The only United States Ryder Cup player here this week is Tom Lehman. He, and the likes of Ian Woosnam, Michael Campbell and Robert Allenby, should ensure the top trio have to work hard to add to their money.

England start well in defence of title

ENGLAND are on course for a fourth consecutive women's home international golf title after beating Scotland, the runners-up in the European championship, in the opening match of the round-robin series at Wrexham yesterday. (Chris Smart writes).

England took all three foursomes with something to spare and then won two and halved two of the six afternoon singles for an overall 6-3 success. They meet Ireland today, who yesterday halved with Wales.

Scotland, without Janice Moodie and Mhairi McKay, looked out of it at lunchtime, but rallied in the afternoon to share the singles.

Haynes signs

Cricket: Desmond Haynes, the former Middlesex and West Indies opening batsman, was yesterday confirmed as the new coach to Sussex. Haynes, 37, has signed a three-year contract and will take up his appointment after spending the winter playing in South Africa.

Alan Caffyn, the Sussex chairman, said: "We are delighted. Desmond is a highly-respected and experienced player with success at county and international level. We are confident his experience and knowledge will have a hugely beneficial effect on our players."

☐ Matthew Maynard, 29, the former England batsman, has been appointed as captain of Glamorgan to succeed Hugh Morris.

☐ Devon Malcolm, the England fast bowler, has been awarded a benefit in 1997 after over a decade of service to Derbyshire.

Saive stretched

Table tennis: Belgium beat England 4-1 in Namur in a European League super division match that lasted nearly four hours. England made a fine start when Chen Xinhua beat Andras Podpinka, a former Hungarian, but Belgium took control, although Alan Cooke and Chen each took Jean-Michel Saive, the world No 3, to three games.

Seles to play

Tennis: Monica Seles, who has won the championship three times, has confirmed that she will play in the Australian Open in January. Winners of the men's and women's singles will each receive £280,000.

In the running

Athletics: Benson Masya, of Kenya, a three-times winner of the Great North Run, will compete in Bupa Great South Run in Portsmouth on Sunday.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

MAIDENHEAD: International match: England 2 China 3 (England names first) J Quinn and S Hardaker bt Z Feng and Z Mi 6-15, 15-9, 15-4. T Groves lost to Z Yunyi 2-11, 1-11. P Knowles lost to S Quan 11-15, 15-12, 15-6. N Ponting and J Robertson bt J Xinpeng and W Yi 15-6, 15-4. G Gowers and S Hardaker lost to Q Hong and W Li 7-15, 10-15). England win series 4-2.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Play-offs (first games in best-of-five series): Cincinnati 7 Los Angeles 2, Atlanta 5 Colorado 4.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Play-offs (first games in best-of-five series): New York 9 Seattle 6, Cleveland 5 Boston 4 (13 inns)

CYCLING

TUNJA, Colombia: World championships: Time-trial (43km, Paipa to Tunja, provisional results) 1, M Induráin (Sp) 55mm 30sec. 2, A Olano (Sp) at 48sec, 3, U Peschel (Ger) 2:03. 4, D Ramirez (Col) 3:12. 5, I Bontchoukov (Mol) 3:33. 6, E Breukink (Holl) 3:41. 7, Z Jaskula (Pol) 3:42. 8, M Engleman (US) 3:52. 9, M Fondriest (It) 3:55. 10, J Karlsson (Swe) 4:13. 11, B Dennis (Aust) 4:26. 12, T Mane (Fr) 4:37

FOOTBALL

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Fuji Film Trophy: First round: South *Tynedale 0 Darlington 4, Inter-county* under-16: Cheshire 1 Shropshire 4.

GOLF

WREXHAM: Women's home international championship: England v Scotland (England names first): Foursomes: J Hall and L Walton bt A Rose and L Nicholson 4 and 3, E Duggleby and E Fields bt L Roxburgh and A Laing 3 and 2, E Ratcliffe and K Supples bt J Ford and S McMaster 4 and 3. Foursomes result: England 3 Scotland 0. Ireland v Wales (Ireland names first). Foursomes: E Rose Power and H Kavanagh lost to L Dermott and B Jones 1 hole. Y Cassidy and S Fanagan bt V Thomas and D Richards 3 and 2. E Higgins and A O'Sullivan bt K Stark and E Pilgrim 6 and 5. Foursomes result: Ireland 2 Wales 1

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus) 22.04pts; 2, N Price (Zim) 18.15; 3, B Langer (Ger) 15.63; 4, E Els (SA) 15.54; 5, N Faldo (Eng) 15.07; 6, C Montgomerie (Scot) 14.20; 7, C Pavin (US) 12.32; 8, F Couples (US) 11.82; 9, M Ozaki (Japan) 11.05; 10, J M Olazabal (Sp) 10.30; 11, S Elkington (Aus) 9.79; 12, T Lehman (US) 9.51; 13, V Singh (Fiji) 8.89; 14, M McCumber (US) 8.27; 15, S Torrance (Scot) 8.18; 16, L Janzen (US) 8.16; 17, D Love (US) 8.07; 18, D Frost (SA) 7.89; 19, S Ballesteros (Sp) 7.86; 20, L Roberts (US) 7.70; 21, P Jacobsen (US) 7.42; 22, S Hoch (US) 7.36; 23, F Zoeller (US) 7.23; 24, P Mickelson (US) 7.05; 25, B Crenshaw (US) 6.86; 26, C Rocca (It) 6.82; 27, J Gallagher Jr (US) 6.71; 28, J Haas (US) 6.66; 29, B Faxon (US) 6.39; 30, J Maggert (US) 6.33; 31, M McNulty (Zim) 6.25; 32, T Watson (US) 6.13; 33, M Calcavecchia (US) 6.09

GYMNASTICS

SABAE, Japan: World championships: Men: Team (standings after compulsory exercises). 1, Japan 282.060pts; 2, China 282.048; 3, United States 280.336; 4, Romania 279.979; 5, Bulgaria 278.174; 6, South Korea 277.861; 17, Great Britain 270.600. 19, Ireland 190.425. Individual: 1, Li Xiao Shuang (China) 56.987; 2, H Tanaka (Japan) 56.800; 3, V Scherbo (Belorussia) 56.674. Women: Team (standings after compulsory exercises) 1, Romania 192.570; 2, United States 191.722; 3, China 190.819; 4, Ukraine 189.033; 5, France 187.483; 6, Belorussia 185.893. Individual: 1, G Goggan (Rom) 38.799; 2, D Kochetkova (Russ) 38.762; 3, S Miller (US) 38.699

REAL TENNIS

ORATORY SCHOOL: Trocadero National League: Petworth House bt Bordeaux Direct Oratory 2-1 (Petworth names first) C Bray lost to J Howell 3-6, 6-1, 1-6, N Pendingh bt M Eadie 6-4, 6-5, D Jones bt T Warburg 6-3, 6-4.

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Newport 28 Barbarians 59

CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge University 43 Cambridge City 6, Ebbw Vale 72 Glamorgan Wanderers 6, London Irish 12 Loughborough Students 23

SNOOKER

BANGKOK: Thailand Classic: Second round: D Finbow (Eng) bt J Wattana (Thai) 5-4. J Parrott (Eng) bt T Drago (Malta) 5-4. Quarter-final: S Hendry (Scot) beat T Griffiths (Wales) 5-0

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Bradford 49 Coventry 47.

	M	W	D	L	F	A	Bp	Pts
Eastbourne	36	27	2	7	1859	1584	16	72
Bradford	36	24	2	10	1887	1564	13	63
Cradley Heath	37	23	1	13	1896	1646	14	61
Wolverton	36	22	0	14	1802	1626	11	55
Ipswich	36	20	0	16	1796	1657	12	52
Belle Vue	37	19	1	17	1824	1699	12	51
Swindon	37	20	2	15	1769	1776	9	51
Peterborough	33	20	0	13	1631½	1530½	9	49
Glasgow	36	18	1	17	1765	1667	12	49
Edinburgh	38	18	4	16	1793½	1842½	8	48
Arena Essex	36	19	0	17	1749	1705	9	47
Poole	36	18	1	17	1735	1713	6	43
Reading	36	15	4	18	1782	1851	7	43
Sheffield	37	17	8	20	1720	1828	9	43
Coventry	36	16	1	22	1874	1864	7	40
Long Eaton	40	14	4	22	1848	1984	7	39
Hull	38	15	2	21	1717	1927	4	36
King's Lynn	38	13	3	22	1769	1872	5	34
Oxford	35	14	1	20	1621	1733	5	34
Exeter	37	8	3	26	1593	1957	2	21
Milddlso	36	8	2	26	1532	1907	2	20

TABLE TENNIS

EUROPEAN LEAGUE: Super division: Belgium 4 England 1 (Belgium names first: A Podpenka lost to C Xinhua 16-21, 21-12 13-21, J M Saive bt A Cooke 21-16, 21-8, P Saive bt M Syed 19-21, 21-14, 21-17, J M Saive bt Chen 21-14, 18-21, 21-10, P Saive and J M Saive bt Cooke and B Billington 21-13, 13-21, 21-13)

TENNIS

ZURICH: Women's tournament: First round: M Oremans (Holl) bt P Begerow (Ger) 7-6, 1-6, 6-3; J Kruger (SA) bt L McNeil (US) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. M De Swardt (SA) bt K Boogen (Holl) 7-6, 6-2, B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl) bt N Feber (Bel) 6-3, 6-1; M Werdel-Witmeyer (US) bt N Tauziat (Fr) 6-4, 6-2; M Hingis (Switz) bt A Fraser (US) 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; Z Garrison Jackson (US) bt M Kochta (Ger) 6-1, 6-3; H Sukova (Cz) bt N Zvereva (Belo) 3-6, 7-6, 6-4

TOULOUSE: Men's tournament: First round: C Pioline (Fr) bt G Raoux (Fr) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; N Escude (Fr) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 7-6, 6-2; D Vacek (Cz) bt L Roux (Fr) 4-6, 6-1, 7-5; R Gilbert (Fr) bt O Delaitre (Fr) 6-3, 0-6, 7-6. J Bjorkman (Swe) bt G Rusedski (GB) 3-6, 7-6, 6-2; B Karbacher (Ger) 7-6, 6-2, R Reneberg (US) bt C N'Goran (Ivory Coast) 5-7, 6-4, 6-1; F Santoro (Fr) bt L Barthez (Fr) 6-4, 6-3; F de Wulf (Bel) bt M Sinner (Ger) 6-2, 6-2; M Rosset (Switz) bt D Norman (Bel) 6-2, 7-6; A Boetsch (Fr) bt A Chesnokov (Russ) 6-3, 6-4; K Kucera (Slovakia) bt G Forget (Fr) 7-6, 6-3; J Van Herck (Bel) bt J Siemerink (Holl) 4-5, ret. Second round: F De Wulf (Bel) bt J Bjorkman (Swe) 7-6, 4-6, 6-3, M Rosset (Switz) bt R Reneberg (US) 6-7, 6-1, 6-4

VALENCIA: Men's tournament (Spain unless stated). S Schalken (Holl) bt C Moya 6-2, 6-2; B Ulihrach (Cz) bt E Alvarez 6-3, 6-3; A Costa bt G Elia (Arg) 6-3, 6-3; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt C-U Steeb (Ger) 6-2, 6-0; F Marsilla bt O Martinez 6-1, 6-3; K Goossens (Bel) bt C Costa 7-6, 6-0; G Schaller (Austria) bt F Federlein (Den) 6-4, 6-1; E Sanchez Vicario bt J Sanchez Vicario 6-0, 6-7, 6-2.

NOTTINGHAM: LTA autumn satellite tournament (GB unless stated): Men: First round: R Koelig (SA) bt J Fox 6-3, 6-3; S Hommel (Holl) bt T Spinks 5-7, 7-5, 7-6; B Cowan bt N Weal 7-5, 6-2; P Kuhn (SA) bt S Herdoiza (US) 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; T Hand bt D Sanders 6-4, 6-4; E Heusner (Fr) bt N Gould 6-3, 6-4. Women: First round: J Dawson bt M Escobar (Sp) 6-3, 7-5; K Kamer (Ger) bt H Matthews (Ger) 7-6, 6-2; A Lindskog (Swe) bt K Hand 4-0 ret; O Barabanschikova (Belo) bt F Sildos (Ger) 6-4, 6-2; J Abe (Ger) bt P Palmer (US) 6-2, 6-1; M Wolfbrandt (Swe) bt A Svensson (Swe) 7-5, 6-3; C Taylor bt K Pohlmann (Ger) 6-3, 6-4; S Tse bt K Roubanova 3-6, 6-0, 6-2; S Finer (Swe) bt K Markovito (Yug) 6-4, 6-2; S Smith bt J Wood 7-5, 4-6, 7-5; A Hoppmans (Holl) bt Z Mells 6-4, 6-4

KUALA LUMPUR: Men's tournament: First round: S Lareau (Can) bt T Ho (US) 7-6, 7-5; K Carlsen (Den) bt M Joyce (US) 7-6, 6-7, 6-0. Paul Haarhuis (Holl) bt S Matsuoka (Japan) 6-7, 6-4, 6-3. Second round: M Rios (Chile) bt H Dreekmar (Ger) 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; J Eltrich (Holl) bt P Wekesa (Ken) 6-3, 6-2

POOLS DIVIDENDS

LITTLEWOODS: Treble chance: 24pts £36,401.70. 23 £358.05, 22 £27.45, 21 £7.20. 20 £1.60. Four draws: £13.95. Ten homes: £458.00. Five aways: £202.45

VERNONS: Treble chance: 24pts £12,750.20, 23 £181.10, 22 £13.50, 21 £4.10. Ten homes: £1,868.00. Five aways: £37.75.

ZETTERS: Treble chance: 24pts £5,237.20, 23 £41.85, 22 £3.00, 21 50p 60. Easy six: £25.80. Four draws: £32.20. Eight homes: £48.40. Four aways: £54.20. Goals galore (paid on 158 goals): £2.10. Lucky Pots: 19 28 36 35 38 23.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division (7.0): Bolton v Everton; Derby v Nottingham Forest; Sheffield Wednesday v West Bromwich; Notts County v Tranmere. Second division: Bradford v Coventry; Sunderland v Preston; York v Hull.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Southampton v Watford (at Staplewood, 7.30)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Champions Cup: Second round, second leg: Real Madrid (Sp) v Sheffield Sharks (8.0)

GOLF: Women's home internationals (Wrexham).

SPEEDWAY: Premier League (7.30 unless stated): Ipswich v Peterborough; Middlesbrough v Glasgow; Sheffield v Poole (7.45)

TENNIS: Men's and women's satellite tournaments (Nottingham); Maureen Connolly Cup: Great Britain Under-21 v United States Under-21 (Glasgow)

Masterful Induráin triumphs

MIGUEL INDURÁIN, who won his fifth successive Tour de France this year, won his first cycling world championship in Colombia yesterday, taking the time-trial title over a 43-kilometre course between Paipa and Tunja, north of Bogotá (Peter Bryan writes).

The Spaniard, whose superiority against the clock in Europe contributed to his Tour successes, did what he was expected — and needed — to do in the event, known in the cycling world as the "Race of Truth". He covered the switchback course, which rose to an altitude of 2,850 metres, in 55min 30.4sec, to assume the world crown from Chris Boardman, of Britain, who won the inaugural championship last year in Sicily.

The sting in the tail came yesterday in the final kilometre, a short, sharp climb that lost riders precious seconds — among them Graeme Obree, of Britain, the world pursuit champion. He struggled on the fierce ascent and was left gasping for breath. He finished in 61min 6.1sec, failing to gain a place in the top ten. Obree had not recovered from the effort he made to win his world title a week ago, suffering from a heavy cold and appearing uncomfortable on the hilly course.

Induráin, on the other hand, starting last of the riders, appeared to float over the hills, rarely getting out of the saddle. Abraham Olano, of Spain, fifth last year, came second yesterday, 48.7sec adrift. Induráin will attempt to win the world road race championship on Sunday.

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Injury relevant in assault sentences

Regina v Nottingham Crown Court, Ex parte Director of Public Prosecutions

Before Lord Justice Stuart Smith and Mr Justice Butterfield

[Judgment July 13]

It was a cardinal principle of sentencing that the court should take into account the consequences to the victim when considering the gravity of the offence and the appropriate sentence.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in making a declaration, sought by the Director of Public Prosecutions, that the approach of Judge Pitcher sitting with lay justices at Nottingham Crown Court when hearing an appeal against sentence from Worksop Justices, that on a charge of common assault, injuries sustained by the victim would not be taken into account in sentence, was erroneous in point of law.

Mr Jeremy Carter-Manning, QC, Mr Stephen Richards and Miss Philippa McAnaney for the applicant: Mr Robert Jay for the respondents.

LORD JUSTICE STUART SMITH said that in sentencing the judge commented that an assault that resulted in injuries should be charged as an offence of assault occasioning actual bodily harm contrary to section 47 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861. He stated that a charge of common assault contrary to section 39 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 did not include injury.

His approach was indicated in the decision of the crown court which recorded: "Common assault does not include injuries when sentence is given, therefore the bench reduces the sentence."

The burden of the Crown Prosecution Service's case was that there was a divergence of practice between different courts in the country and uncertainty in the CPS itself as to what course they were to pursue.

The principal question was whether, the prosecution having elected to charge the lesser offence, the court was precluded from considering the consequences to the victim of the assault simply because a more serious charge could have been brought.

Assault by beating necessarily involved some blows struck upon the victim but resulting injury was not a necessary ingredient of the offence, although it had to be rare for a blow of any severity not to cause some harm.

In his Lordship's judgment, it was a cardinal principle of sentencing that the court should take into account, when considering the gravity of the offence and the appropriate sentence, the consequences to the victim.

That was because one of the purposes of the criminal law was to assuage the feelings of victims and their friends and relations.

The law had to redress their grievance by inflicting an appropriate punishment and then there was no excuse for the victim or his friends to exact their own retribution.

Moreover, it was not necessary in all cases to add a count to the indictment to reflect such conduct provided that the court's sentencing powers were adequate to reflect the actual gravity of the offending.

That principle was exemplified in a number of guideline cases on sentencing: for example, *Attorney-General's Reference (No 1 of 1989)* ([1989] 1 WLR 1117) and *R v Mussell* ([1991] 1 WLR 137).

The applicant was entitled to the declaration.

Mr Justice Butterfield agreed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, East Midlands Area; Treasury Solicitor.

Appealing over special needs

S v Special Educational Needs Tribunal and Another

An appeal to the High Court from the Special Educational Needs Tribunal was to be brought by one of the parents of the child affected and not by a next friend in the name of the child himself.

Mr Justice Latham so held in the Queen's Bench Division on July 25 when dismissing the appeal of the appellant, S, brought by his mother as next friend, from the decision of the first respondent, the Special Educational Needs Tribunal, of February 2 to dismiss S's appeal against an amended statement of special educational needs made by the second respondent, Westminster City Council.

MR JUSTICE LATHAM said there were only two real parties in an appeal such as the present, the parents on the one hand and the local education authority on the other.

It followed that only the parents or the local education authority might appeal a decision to the High Court pursuant to section 11(1) of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992.

There was therefore no jurisdiction for the court to hear the notice of motion which brought the case and the notice of motion was dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

Accountancy, Finance and Banking Appointments now appear in Section 3 every Thursday



The annual percentage of horses who delay races by causing problems at the starting stalls has increased considerably over the last seven years

Club aims to stall starting problems

Richard Evans reports on plans to take tougher measures against unruly starters

A MUCH-NEEDED crackdown on unruly horses who often delay races by causing *trouble at the starting stalls* is being planned by the Jockey Club. The proposed tougher *measures follow an* unprecedented rise in the number of horses who have proved difficult to load or have become unsettled once in the stalls.

In 1988, the Starter's Book, which keeps a log of the awkward or potentially *difficult animals, contained names* of 1,376 horses — or 19.33 per cent of those in training. By last year that figure had risen by more than 40 per cent to 1,956 — or 28.73 per cent of those in training.

This season has seen the *trend continue with more* horses compared to last year already having been withdrawn *or reported to race*course stewards for failing to enter stalls, damaging stalls once inside, and delaying the start of races.

The extent of the problem means that horses which have been properly schooled at home by their trainers are often at a disadvantage because they are loaded first and have to stand longer in the stalls. The better behaved *horses are also put at risk of* being upset or injured by difficult horses alongside them.

In addition, a trainer who has not schooled his horse effectively will frequently find the work is done for him on *the racecourse by the stalls* team.

The extent of the problem, which *has resulted in several* big races — notably the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood — *suffering lengthy delays*, led to Robert Waley-Cohen, the Jockey Club's racecourse steward, chairing a meeting at Newmarket last week, attended by trainers and starters, when a blueprint for change was agreed.

The wide-ranging proposals, which will now go before *the Jockey Club for approval*, would impose new demands on trainers with the threat of *stiffer fines for* bad offenders. The design of stalls will also be examined with the probability *of modifications* being made to existing equipment.

The Waley-Cohen recom*mendations include the intro*duction of "competence examinations" before granting a training licence, which would include training horses *to the stalls. All training stalls* would be specially tagged to identify which trainers use them and unannounced spot checks on trainers would be introduced to ensure the stalls were always available.

The existing bland require*ments make no mention of* what is expected of a properly schooled horse. New criteria *state that a horse must load* into the stalls without hesitation, ideally without the aid of pushers but, if necessary, with the help of a maximum of two people. *A horse should be able* to stand in the stalls alone or with a horse either side for at *least two minutes, and must* have experience of being blindfolded prior to stalls entry.

On the racecourse, trainers *would be given a verbal* warning backed up by a written "yellow card" if the starter deemed a horse as a borderline case and the horse would have to be reschooled. The starter would also have increased flexibility in report*ing troublesome horses to* racecourse stewards.

At the end of each season, *Weatherbys will be asked to* publish a list of horses in the Starter's Book against the offending trainers' names, while trainers will be required *to keep a record of schooling* horses in stalls.

The new proposals are backed up by *stiffer penalties*, with fines of up to £500, for trainers of horses who have been reported by the starter and subsequently fail a stalls *test*.

RaceTech, which operates the stalls on racecourses, has been asked to examine the ideal design for stalls after frequent *criticism* that the British version is too narrow and has too many protrusions. *Where possible "feasible mod*ifications" will be carried out.

Europe unites for Cup day

By RICHARD EVANS

A *EUROPEAN* version of the Breeders' Cup will be staged for the first time in *September 1997 — probably* in Germany — with minimum prize-money of £2 million.

European Racing Day, as it *is likely to be called*, will become an annual event, rotating between the five member countries of the European Pattern Committee — France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland and Italy — who agreed to the *event in Paris on Tuesday.*

The day's racing will be built around four group one *or championship races* and two handicaps of limited weight range. "The group one races will comprise as many existing events as possible from the country concerned but the committee will also examine the creation of new events especially for the day, plus the *promotion to group one*, for one year only, of existing pattern races of lesser status.

"For this reason, it is planned that the day will be based *upon an existing fix*ture rather than being an entirely new fixture."

When *it* comes to Britain's turn to stage the event, the Ascot Festival or the St Leger meeting at Doncaster would appear to be the ideal venues. However, Germany is favourite to stage the inaugural meeting after it was acknowledged that it would be beneficial if France and Britain held back.

It is hoped that the European Racing Day will also entice new people to racing in the same way Racecourse *Holdings Trust (RHT)* hopes to attract student racegoers with a new scheme announced yesterday.

RHT owns or operates a dozen racecourses, and during this autumn and next spring it will stage special *raceday packages for stu*dents at their local universities and colleges.

The packages will include free or heavily discounted entry to the racecourse, free coach travel to and from the track, exclusive racecourse facilities, bar prices reduced to near student union levels and a host to introduce first time racegoers to racing.

David Hillyard, RHT's *managing director, said:* "This initiative is aimed at students who have, as yet, little knowledge of or interest in racing."

[illegible] MEETINGS

York

Going: good, good to firm in places

2.00 (6f) 1, Dashing Blue (L Dettori, 13-2); 2, *Nilgiri Hills* (7-4 fav); 3, *Pharmacy* (14-1). 14 ran. 1¼l, 3½l. I Balding. Tote: £5.80; £2.10, £1.20, £3.40. DF: £3.70. Trio: £22.40. CSF: £19.37. Tricast: £159.33.

2.30 (7f 202yd) 1, Moving Arrow (J Weaver, 8-1); 2, Akil (3-1 fav); 3, Verzen (7-2). 8 ran. 1l, nk. *Miss S Hall. Tote:* £9.10; £2.10, £1.40, £1.80. DF: £23.00. *CSF*: £32.46. *Tricast*: £98.76.

3.00 (5f) 1, Royal Dome (M Roberts, 8-1); 2, Chadwell Hall (12-1); 3, Here Comes A Star (9-1); 4, Silk Cottage (16-1). Allyana 13-2 fav. 22 ran. NR: Walk The Beat. Hd, ¾l. M Wane. Tote: £7.40; £2.10, £2.60, £2.30, £6.30. DF: £41.20. Trio: £120.40. CSF: £97.90. Tricast: £819.44.

3.35 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, Sheer Danzig (L Dettori, 7-2); 2, *Sadler's Walk* (7-1); 3, Mbulwa (33-1). Sweet Mignonette 100-30 fav. 13 ran. 4l, 1½l. R Armstrong. Tote: £4.00; £1.70, £2.40, £10.60. DF: £11.40. Trio: £689.30. CSF: £29.38. Tricast: £674.06.

4.05 (7f 202yd) 1, Prince Of My Heart (Pat Eddery, 7-4 fav); 2, Iamus (11-4); 3, Northern Soul (14-1). 13 ran. NR: Kilmessan-Town. 1¾l, 6l. B Hills. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £1.30, £3.90. DF: £1.90. Trio: £29.40. CSF: £7.75.

4.35 (1m 5f 194yd) 1, Bahamian *Sunshine* (L Dettori, 6-4); 2, Corradini (5-6); 3, Tethys (6-1). 3 ran. 4l, 9l. D Loder. Tote: £2.00. DF: £1.10. CSF: £2.97.

5.05 (6f) 1, Victoria Regia (Pat Eddery, 1-2 fav); 2, Shafi (5-1); 3, Lachesis (20-1). 6 ran. 5l, 7l. R Charlton. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £1.80. DF: £2.30. CSF: £3.82.

Jackpot: £37,285.40 (0.59 winning tickets. Pool of £21,519.47 carried forward to York today).

Placepot: £27.50. Quadpot: £8.00.

Market Rasen

Going: good, good to firm in places.

2.10 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Relaxed Sound (Ann Stokell, 16-1); 2, Singlesole (6-5 fav); 3, John Tufty (9-4). 5 ran. NR: *Bigwheel Bill*. 1l, 8l. *M Barraclough. Tote:* £27.80; £3.20, £1.20. DF: £16.50. CSF: £33.40.

2.40 (3m hdle) 1, Moobakkr (A S Smith, 6-4 fav); 2, Fearless Wonder (5-1); 3, Rosina Mae (9-4). 5 ran. 2l, 6l. K Morgan. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £1.90. DF: £5.50. CSF: £8.36.

3.10 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Pleasure Trick (N Williamson, 15-8 fav); 2, Brackenthwaite (13-2); 3, Little Corker (10-1). 11 ran. NR: *Swynford Flyer*. 5l, 8l. N Tinkler. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £1.60, £2.80. DF: £11.10. *Trio*: £13.60. CSF: £14.76.

3.45 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Bertone (N Williamson, 4-7 fav); 2, Salman (12-1); 3, Gorby's Myth (9-2). 9 ran. NR: Bulgaden Castle, Nobley. 20l, 11l. K Bailey. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £2.10, £1.40. DF: £6.30. Trio: £5.60. CSF: £8.90.

4.15 (3m 1f ch) 1, Over The Stream (N Williamson, 7-4); 2, Magic Bloom (10-11 fav); 3, Peruvian Gale (6-1). 4 ran. 1¾l, 9l. K Bailey. Tote: £2.70. DF: £1.30. CSF: £3.49.

4.45 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Star Of David (J Ryan, 20-1); 2, Porphyrios (4-5 fav); 3, Durano (9-1). 12 ran. 1¾l, 6l. Miss A *Embiricos*. Tote: £49.00; £5.30, £1.10, £2.50. DF: £51.00. Trio: £170.60. CSF: £36.66.

5.20 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Lucy Tufty (P Hide, 6-1); 2, Gale's Pride (10-11 fav); 3, Britannia Mills (13-2). 5 ran. NR: Rosscoyne. ½l, 1l. J Pearce. Tote: £8.60; £2.50, £1.10. DF: £3.10. CSF: £11.37.

Placepot: £18.10. Quadpot: £8.70.

Towcester

Going: good to firm, firm in places

2.20 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Telmar Systems (P McLoughlin, 7-2); 2, Hatham Tam (25-1). Big Pat 4-9 fav (pu). 4 ran. Only 2 finished. ½l. J White. Tote: £3.70. DF: £19.00. CSF: £30.92.

2.50 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Hawaiian Youth (*D O'Sullivan*, 11-8 fav); 2, Just Rosie (11-4); 3, Aedean (12-1). *7 ran. 8l, 3l.* R Rowe. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £1.80. DF: £1.60. CSF: £4.34. Flapjack Lad (5-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction of 15p in the pound.

3.20 (2m hdle) 1, Strong Promise (K Gaule, 5-1); 2, Singsby (4-5 fav); 3, Walking Tall (2-1). 6 ran. 3½l, 6l. G Hubbard. Tote: £6.20; £2.30, £1.20. DF: £5.30. CSF: £9.78.

3.55 (3m 1f ch) 1, Squire Jim (M A Fitzgerald, 25-1); 2, Frozen Drop (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Royal Saxon (7-2). Zamirah 9-4 jt-fav (ur). 9 ran. NR: Dennington. ¾l, nk. N Babbage. Tote: £25.60; £3.50, £1.60, £1.60. DF: £44.90. Trio: £47.40. CSF: £60.42. Tricast: £237.60.

4.25 (3m hdle) 1, Secret Bid (Mr P Henley, 11-2); 2, San Giorgio (Evens fav); 3, Petraugh (20-1). 7 ran. Nk, 8l. R Alner. Tote: £10.30; £4.70, £1.20. DF: £6.40. CSF: £11.77.

4.55 (2m hdle) 1, No Light (L Harvey, 5-2 fav); 2, Atherton Green (6-1); 3, Banana Cove (11-2). 8 ran. NR: Joys First, Leebas. 2½l, ½l. *Mrs I McKie. Tote*: £9.70; £1.90, £2.10, £1.40. DF: £16.20. Trio: £20.90. CSF: £17.46. Tricast: £70.35.

Placepot: £88.90. Quadpot: £4.90.

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WINCANTON

THUNDERER
2.10 Indian Temple. 2.40 The Nigelstan. 3.10 Cavina. 3.40 Great Gusto. 4.10 Dominion's Dream. 4.40 Simafar.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.40 Simafar.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

2.10 ORCHARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,198: 2m) (12 runners)

1 288- *JARAAB 19F (V) G Lewis 4-12-0* D Gallagher 92
2 2311 SHIRLEY'S TRAIN 68 (D,F) P Hobbs 6-11-6 G McCourt 97
3 -113 WAVE HILL 20 (F) P Hedger 6-11-4 G Bradley 90
4 -P42 ADDED DIMENSION 20 P Winkworth 4-10-12 D Leahy 83
5 0110 IKHTIRAA 20 (F) R O'Sullivan 5-10-11 S Curran (3) ●
6 20-1 *FERRUFINO 38 (F) P Rich 7-10-4* W Marston 91
7 24-5 INDIAN TEMPLE 14 M Saunders 4-10-3 P Holley 93
8 0P-6 JAVA SHRINE 13 J Tuck 4-10-1 S McNeill 87
9 1540 LITTLE HOOLIGAN 2 (B,F) G Edwards 4-10-0 D Bridgwater 97
10 0P-0 MOULTAZIM 16F (B) R Price 5-10-0 A P McCoy 88
11 0/0- WESSEX MILORD 407 J Bennett 10-10-0 L Harvey –
12 P-R0 FERENS HALL 12 M Roberts 8-10-0 B Powell –

6-4 Shirley's Train, 7-2 Wave Hill, 9-2 Ferrufino, 6-1 Ikhtiraa, 7-1 Jaraab, 8-1 Added Dimension, 12-1 Indian Temple, 20-1 others.

2.40 OAK CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,898: 3m 1f 110yd) (7)

1 P3-1 BANKROLL 33 (F,G) P Hobbs 8-11-10 G Tormey 85
2 1225 *SOHAIL 14 (F,G,S) J King 12-11-7* T J Murphy 93
3 53-2 WINNIE LORRAINE 48 (BF,D,F,G,S) R Alner 10-11-2 P Carey 90
4 241- PAPER STAR 152 (D,F) M Muggeridge 8-10-12 S Curran 85
5 P-34 DISTILLATION 28 (D,G,S) G Edwards 10-10-1 B Fenton ●
6 /PP- THE NIGELSTAN 280 (F,G,S) P Hedger 14-10-1 M Clinton (7) –
7 *43P/ TAGMOUN CHAUFOUR 488 (G) M Pipe 10-10-0* D Leahy –

7-4 Bankroll, 11-4 Winnie Lorraine, 4-1 Paper Star, 5-1 Sohail, 8-1 Distillation, 20-1 *Tagmoun Chaufour*, 50-1 The Nigelstan.

3.10 HATHERLEIGH MARES ONLY MAIDEN HURDLE
(£2,215: 2m 6f) (9)

1 *1/ CAVINA 21F (S) N Graham 5-11-1* L Wyer –
2 FF1- CLAIRE-DE-LUNE 137P (F,S) P Nicholls 6-11-1 A P McCoy –
3 326- EMRAL MISS 153 C Popham 7-11-1 J Osborne 88
4 6PP- LAURA'S FLUTTER 252 Mrs P Dutfield 6-11-1 P Holley –
5 440- PURBECK POLLY 238 R Alner 5-11-1 Mr P Henley (7) 81
6 *P0P- RENT DAY 173 J Mullins 6-11-1* S Curran (3) –
7 25-2 STAC-POLLAIDH 14 K Bailey 5-11-1 N Williamson ●
8 U-6 NEVER SILENT 13 D Gandolfo 4-11-0 M Dwyer 81
9 5-00 RAGOSA 20 J White 4-11-0 P McLoughlin (3) 70

11-4 Stac-Pollaidh, 3-1 Cavina, 7-2 Claire-De-Lune, 9-2 Never Silent, 5-1 Ragosa, 6-1 Emral Miss, 20-1 others.

3.40 AXMINSTER FROM AXMINSTER HANDICAP CHASE (£4,094: 2m 5f) (6)

1 11-1 WISE APPROACH 19 (D,F,G,S) K Bailey 8-11-10 S McNeill 93
2 523- FESTIVAL DREAMS 155 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs P Dutfield 10-11-9 P Holley 90
3 5-33 GREEN ISLAND 14 (F,G,S) A Dunn 9-10-12 C Maude 95
4 2423 GREAT GUSTO 12 (D,F) P Rodford 9-10-11 J Osborne 90
5 4/4- COOLE DODGER 311 (CD,F,G,S) R Buckler 10-10-1 B Powell ●
6 P13- ROMANY CREEK 140 (V,F,G,S) G Balding 6-10-0 A P McCoy 97

11-10 Wise Approach, *11-4 Green Island, 5-1 Great Gusto, 8-1 Festival Dreams*, 10-1 Coole Dodger, 20-1 Romany Creek.

4.10 SHAFTESBURY JUVENILE NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,023: 2m) (8)

1 121 DOMINION'S DREAM 19 (V,G,S) M Pipe 11-4 D Bridgwater –
2 *HANDSOM 77F B Millman 11-3* D Salter (5) –
3 ROBIN ISLAND 104F P Hedger 11-2 G Bradley –
4 2215 GIGFY 14 (F) B Llewellyn 11-0 Mr J L Llewellyn –
5 1 KINGS OF CANVEY IS 52 (F) J White 10-12 A P McCoy –
6 JEWEL TRADER 31F (V) Mrs L Jewell 10-11 D Gallagher –
7 *PATS LADS 425F D Burchell 10-9* D J Burchell –
8 3 TIGANA 38 Mrs L Jewell 10-5 D Leahy –

5-4 Dominion's Dream, 2-1 *Kings Of Canvey Is, 4-1 Gigfy*, 12-1 Robin Island, Jewel Trader, 16-1 Tigana, 25-1 others.

4.40 WINCANTON NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,128: 2m 6f) (8)

1 /5-1 MR COPYFORCE 24 (D,G) Miss B Sanders 5-11-7 N Williamson ●
2 40- COPPER COIL 126 W G M Turner 5-11-0 *M Griffiths (7)* –
3 25-5 HERBERT BUCHANAN 5 P Nicholls 5-11-0 A P McCoy 84
4 *423- RAGTIME BOY 133 C Barwell 7-11-0* J Osborne 97
5 0-06 UNCLE BRUCE 12 Mrs J Young 5-11-0 G Upton –
6 P- NORTHERN HIGHLIGHT 9F (B) T McGovern 4-10-13 D Bridgwater –
7 SIMAFAR 12F N Graham 4-10-13 L Wyer –
8 CHARLIE'S HIDEAWAY C Brooks 6-10-10 *G Bradley* –

6-4 Mr Copyforce, 9-4 Simafar, 4-1 Charlie's Hideaway, 7-1 Ragtime Boy, 14-1 Herbert Buchanan, 16-1 Copper Coil, 33-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J White, 4 winners from 12 runners, 33.3%; M Pipe, 31 from 115, 27.0%; R Alner, 10 from 48, 20.8%; D Gandolfo, 5 from 30, 16.7%; Mrs N Dutfield, 4 from 26, 15.4%; P Nicholls, 13 from 88, 14.8%.

JOCKEYS: G Bradley, 8 winners from 41 rides, 19.5%; J Osborne, 11 from 60, 18.3%; G McCourt, 6 from 38, 15.8%; D Gallagher, 3 from 22, 13.6%; W Marston, 4 from 30, 13.3%; P Holley, 9 from 80, 11.3%.

Blinkered first time

LUDLOW: 3.50 Thrower. *WINCANTON*: 2.10 Jaraab, Moultazim. 4.10 Jewel Trader. YORK: 3.30 Zalament. 4.00 Mysterious Times

LUDLOW

THUNDERER
2.20 Bungee Jumper. 2.50 Henley Wood. 3.20 Badastan. 3.50 Green's Seago. 4.20 Zajira. 4.50 Dixey King.

GOING: FIRM SIS

2.20 LUDFORD NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,332: 2m) (9 runners)

1 2-21 *BUNGEE JUMPER 20 (B,D,F) T Forster 5-11-7* R Dunwoody
2 368/ JON'S CHOICE 30F B Preece 7-11-0 G Hogan (5)
3 0 OUR MICA 5 L Barratt 5-11-0 T Kent
4 CALLING 81F W Brisbourne 4-10-13 S Wynne
5 LA RESIDENCE 125F W G M Turner 4-10-13 T Murphy (7)
6 PP- LIFE AT SEA 194 F Jordan 4-10-13 *J Lodder*
7 BANDITA 48F D French Davis 4-10-8 J Magee (3)
8 0-33 PRETTY SCARCE 188 B Preece 4-10-8 Gary Lyons
9 /04 ROYAL THIMBLE 7 N Chance 4-10-8 Mr R Johnson (5)

1-3 Bungee Jumper, 5-1 Royal Thimble, 10-1 La Residence, Bandita, 12-1 Jon's Choice, 25-1 Our Mica, 33-1 others.

2.50 INVERSHIN NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,827: 2m 4f) (12)

1 -111 HENLEY WOOD 14 (F,G,S) P Hobbs 10-12-0 Mr Richard White (7)
2 4-P3 *FINAL ACE 26 (CD,F) Mrs A Price 8-11-1* J Mogford (7)
3 44-4 COOL CHARACTER 14 (G) R Buckler 7-11-1 A Maguire
4 2-22 FENWICK 14 (S) R Hodges 8-10-12 R Dunwoody
5 PP-R COLONIAL OFFICE 5 Graham Richards 9-10-12 A Thornton
6 431U AERODYNAMIC 24 (F) Mrs L Jewell 9-10-8 J Railton
7 -F32 *KELBURNE LAD 38 (BF) K Bailey 6-10-7* A Thornton
8 0/P- WAAZA 129P (F) J O'Shea 6-10-7 M A Fitzgerald
9 0-U5 EVERSO IRISH 14 (F) J McConnochie 6-10-0 J R Kavanagh
10 0PP- LETS GO NOW 198 Mrs L Jewell 5-10-0 T Jenks
11 54P0 PUBLIC APPEAL 12 J Peacock 6-10-0 R Bellamy
12 000- *ON APPRO 177 P Johnson 6-10-0* Gary Lyons

Evens Henley Wood, 6-1 Fenwick, 8-1 Waaza, Cool Character, 10-1 Kelburne Lad, *Everso Irish, 14-1 Aerodynamic, 20-1 others.*

3.20 RADIO SHROPSHIRE STAYERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,584: 3m 2f 110yd) (5)

1 1122 BADASTAN 5 (B,BF,F,G,S) P Hobbs 6-12-0 Peter Hobbs
2 11-4 JAWANI 76 (C,BF,F) J Scargill 7-11-7 N Mann
3 0/4- CHUCKLESTONE 38F (F) J King 12-10-0 T Jenks
4 0-21 BRIGHT SAPPHIRE 98 (F,G,S) F *Jordan 9-10-0* T Eley
5 3242 DOTTEREL 26 R Brazington 7-10-0 W Humphreys

4-6 Badastan, 11-4 Jawani, 8-1 Chucklestone, Dotterel, 14-1 Bright Sapphire.

3.50 SHROPSHIRE STAR SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,940: 2m 5f 110yd) (8)

1 085- THROWER 8F (V) P Evans 4-11-10 R Dunwoody
2 021- *GOLDEN MADJAMBO 171 (F) F Jordan 9-11-6* J Lodder
3 3143 GREEN'S SEAGO 12 (F,G) J A Harris 7-10-6 A Dobbin
4 -210 STATION EXPRESS 24 (D,F,G) B Llewellyn 7-10-2 Guy Lewis (3)
5 3PF0 CASTLERICHARDKING 14 (G) K Bridgwater 10-10-0 J Parkhouse (7)
6 P343 GILBERT 29 (F) D Carey 7-10-0 J R Kavanagh
7 P00- NEGATORY 209 (F,G,S) K Frost 8-10-0 W Humphreys
8 0-52 HARD TO GET 38 (B,G) M Barraclough 8-10-0 Ann Stokell

9-4 Golden Madjambo, 5-2 Green's Seago, 9-2 Station Express, 7-1 Hard To Get, 8-1 Thrower, Gilbert, 14-1 Negatory, 16-1 Castlerichardking.

4.20 OVREVOLL MARES ONLY NOVICES CHASE
(£2,645: 2m) (4)

1 2211 *ZAJIRA 12 (D,F,G) P Eccles 5-11-12* A Maguire
2 06-F GESNERA 26 (F,G) J O'Shea 7-11-1 M A Fitzgerald
3 31-6 PENARTH 117P (F) R Price 9-11-1 T Jenks
4 000- SABEEL 189 T George 5-11-0 D Bentley

8-11 Zajira, 6-5 Gesnera, 20-1 Penarth, 25-1 Sabeel.

4.50 RADNOR AMATEUR RIDERS MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,094: 2m 5f 110yd) (6)

1 BLESSED OLIVER N Twiston-Davies 5-11-1 Miss A Plunkett (7)
2 0000 DESPERATE MAN 13 N Smith 6-11-1 M Rodda (7)
3 2P1- DIXEY KING 162P (F) I Brown 6-11-1 A Brown (7)
4 *P3U/ GAELIC SUNRISE 908P Lady Susan Brooke 8-11-1* Miss E James (7)
5 -054 MASCALLS LADY 40 N Thomson 10-10-10 S Davis (7)
6 U0 REAL POPCORN 20 W Jenks 4-10-9 R Johnson (5)

1-3 Blessed Oliver, 6-1 Dixey King, 8-1 Mascalls Lady, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Bailey, 11 winners from 44 runners, 25.0%; P Hobbs, 10 from 45, 22.2%; T Forster, 7 from 54, 13.0%; B Preece, 6 from 46, 13.0%; R Hodges, 4 from 35, 11.4%; N Twiston-Davies, 9 from 82, 11.0%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 14 winners from 48 rides, 29.2%; M A Fitzgerald, 9 from 48, 18.8%; J Railton, 7 from 38, 18.4%; Mr R Johnson, 3 from 17, 17.6%; A Maguire, 13 from 77, 16.9%; A Thornton, 5 from 32, 15.6%.

Dettori reaches 200

FRANKIE DETTORI completed his second successive double century with an 83-1 treble at York yesterday, joining Fred Archer and Sir Gordon Richards as the only jockeys to have achieved the feat more than once.

Tommy Loates, at the end of the last century, *and current riders Jason Weaver, Pat Eddery* and Michael Roberts are the only others to have ridden 200 in a season.

YORK

THUNDERER

2.00 Thracian
2.30 Music Gold
3.00 Western Fame
3.30 Ayunli
4.00 Samim
4.30 Mellottie
5.00 **MOTAKABBER** (nap)

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 **MELLOTTIE**.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 Ayunli. 5.00 **MOTAKABBER** (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

105 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 BADGER HILL FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £6,472: 6f 214yd) (2 runners)

101 (2) 61 THRACIAN 16 (S) (Hesmonds Stud) J Dunlop 8-12 W Carson ●
102 (1) 222 DIMAKYA 12 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 8-9 L Dettori 96

BETTING: 4-5 Thracian, Evens Dimakya.

1994: TWILIGHT PATROL 8-10 M Roberts (5-1) R Hannon 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

THRACIAN beat Chalamont ¾l in 23-runner maiden at Nottingham (6f, good to soft). DIMAKYA head 2nd to Last Second in maiden at Redcar (6f, good). Selection: THRACIAN

2.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND SANCTON MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £5,536: 5f) (5 runners)

201 (4) 05 EAGLE CANYON 11 (C Lane Jnr) B Hanbury 9-0 J Stack (3) 96
202 (3) *MAGIC MAIL (G Court) J Eustace 9-0* *R Cochrane* –
203 (2) 22 MUSIC GOLD 7 (BF) (N Yong) W O Gorman 9-0 Emma O'Gorman ●
204 (5) 00 GOVERNORS DREAM 7 (P Saunders) Mrs N Macauley 8-9 S Drowne (3) 54
205 (1) SONGSHEET (Lady Matthews) R Guest 8-9 G Duffield –

BETTING: 4-6 Music Gold, 7-2 Eagle Canyon, 5-1 Magic Mail, 8-1 Songsheet, 12-1 Governors Dream.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

EAGLE CANYON 10¾l 5th to Story Line in conditions race at Ascot (7f, good to soft). MAGIC MAIL *(foaled Feb 4, cost 11,000gns). Second foal by Aragon*, dam won over 5f-7f. MUSIC GOLD 4l 2nd to Air Wing in maiden at Sandown (5f, good) on penultimate start. GOVERNORS DREAM 18l 9th to *Norwegian Blue in maiden at Lingfield (6f, soft)*. Selection: MUSIC GOLD (nap)

3.00 ALLIED DUNBAR RATED HANDICAP (£7,952: 6f 214yd) (8 runners)

301 (1) 306600 CELESTIAL KEY 5 (D,F,G) (M Brodrick) M Johnston 5-9-7 P Robinson 97
302 (4) 230044 EVERGLADES 41 (C,D,F,G) (Miss S Oppenheimer) R Charlton 7-9-7 Paul Eddery 93
303 (6) 122120 HI NOD 49 (CD,F,G) (B Nordan) M Camacho 5-9-0 L Charnock 96
304 (3) *300021 CYRANO'S LAD 6 (D,G) (M Foulger) C Dwyer 6-8-13 (3ex)* C Dwyer 97
305 (2) 601400- ORANGE PLACE 376 (D,G,S) (G Archer) T Houghton 4-8-11 M Hills 89
306 (5) 2-45006 MUHAB 12 (D,G,S) (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-8-8 W Carson 94
307 (7) 001313 WESTERN FAME 12 (D,G) (S Khaled) J Dunlop 3-8-6 Pat Eddery ●
308 (8) 230336 EMIRATES EXPRESS 15 (D,G) (A Al Maktoum) J Hills 3-8-4 M Henry (5) 96

Long handicap: Emirates Express 8-1.

BETTING: 5-2 Western Fame, 11-4 Cyrano's Lad, 4-1 Everglades, 6-1 Hi Nod, 7-1 Celestial Key, 8-1 others.

1994: CARRANITA 4-9-2 T Sprake (6-1) B Palling 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

CELESTIAL KEY best recent effort 4l 6th of 11 to Akil in handicap at Doncaster (1m, good to soft) with MUHAB (9lb better off) 12l 11th. EVERGLADES about 3l 4th to Knight Commander in conditions race at Salisbury (7f, firm) on penultimate start. HI NOD neck 2nd to Verzen in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with CELESTIAL KEY (4lb better off) short-head 3rd and CYRANO'S LAD (2lb worse off) 3½l 7th. *CYRANO'S LAD* beat Kabil ¾l in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good). WESTERN FAME 1¾l 3rd to Night Dance in handicap at Ascot (7f, good) with CELESTIAL KEY (4lb better off) about 9¾l 19th. Selection: CYRANO'S LAD

3.30 INTERNATIONAL FACTORS APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£6,888: 1m 3f 195yd) (22 runners)

401 (17) 00000-0 WELSH MILL 13 (D,G) (D Hall) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-0 G Parkin 96
402 (2) 111230 HARRY BROWNE 8 (F,G) (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-5 S Buckley (5) 94
403 (22) 1330U1 ASHOVER 22 (D,F,G,S) (T Cox) T Barron 5-9-3 Kimberley Hart (3) 95
404 (13) 012841 AYUNLI 10 (D,G) (I Southcott) S Williams 4-9-3 (5ex) A Daly 94
405 (12) 351103 ROCK THE BARNEY 64 (D,BF,F,G) (Mrs S Marks) P Burgoyne 6-9-0 D Gibbs 92
406 (18) 123631 SOMMERSBY 5 (D,G) (A Peake) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-0 (5ex) R Havlin ●
407 (15) 001220 SUNDAY NEWS'N'ECHO 19 (D,G) (D Batey) W Storey 4-8-13 J Wilkinson (3) 89
408 (5) 25/0-306 STRICTLY PERSONAL 111 (G) (Mrs J Maloney) M Barnes 5-8-11 G Mitchell 93
409 *(9) 002103 HASTA LA VISTA 19 (B,D,F,G) (K Hodgson) M W Easterby 5-8-6 Martin Dwyer* 95
410 (20) 050350 ZALAMENT 16 (V) (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 3-8-4 G Faulkner (3) 92
411 (11) 00410-6 EUROTWIST 218J (CD,BF,G,S) (R Gomersall) S Kettlewell 6-8-1 P Doe (5) 68
412 (21) 3-10260 MERRY MERMAID 19J (CD,S) (Mrs O Steele) J Bottomley 5-8-1 A Eddery (3) 89
413 (6) 640600 MR CHRISTIE 13 (D Mann Partnership) Miss L Siddall 3-7-13 P Fessey 90
414 (16) 66000-0 FAIR AND FANCY 3 (R Moton) D Nicholls 4-7-12 Jo Hunnam (5) 87
415 (4) 003416 FRESH LOOK 11 (G) (J Purcell) R Spicer 3-7-12 R Mullen (5) 98
416 *(10) 00-000 FARFELDS PRINCE 122 (Mrs D Barrowdge) D Nicholls 3-7-12* K Sked (5) 87
417 (1) 500345 ACHILLES HEEL 3 (D,G) (Four J's Syndicate) C Allen 4-7-11 R Waterfield (3) 95
418 (8) 601600 KINOKO 10 (D,F,G,S) (A Whitley) K Hogg 7-7-10 J Bramhill (5) 88
419 (3) 350250 SPARKLING ROBERTA 8 (G) (G Summers) M Usher 4-7-9 C Adamson 91
420 (7) 053065 LEVEL EDGE 12 (G,S) (B Coulthard) M Hammond 4-7-9 D Hayden (7) 94
421 (19) 344351 AVIATOR'S DREAM 9 (D,G) (P Bottomley) J Pearce 5-7-9 (5ex) B Halligan (5) 95
422 (14) 000-603 STORMLESS 10 (D St Clair) P Monteith 4-7-7 D Denby (3) 97

Long handicap: Stormless 7-6

BETTING: 7-1 Ashover, 8-1 Harry Browne, 9-1 Ayunli, 10-1 Sommersby, Hasta La Vista, 12-1 Aviator's Dream, 14-1 others.

1994: EUROTWIST 5-8-6 D Griffiths (7-1) J Eyre 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

WELSH MILL 12l 13th of 15 to Lucayan Sunshine in handicap at Haydock (1m 4f, good). HARRY BROWNE neck and ½l 3rd of 11 to Dont Shoot Fairies in handicap at Haydock (1m 2l 120yd, good) on penultimate start. ASHOVER beat Hand Woven 2l in 15-runner handicap at Beverley (1m 4f, good). *AYUNLI beat Lord Hastie 1l in handicap at* Hamilton (1m 4f, good) with STORMLESS (8lb better off) 3½l 3rd, ACHILLES HEEL (6lb better off) 2l 4th and KINOKO (5lb better off) 20¾l 15th. ROCK THE BARNEY 2¾l 3rd of 6 to Broughtons Formula in apprentices handicap at Kempton (1m 4f, good to firm). SOMMERSBY beat Environmentalist 2l in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 4f). SUNDAY NEWS 'N' ECHO 2½l 2nd of 7 to *Upper Mount Clair in conditions race at Yarmouth* (1m 6f, good) on penultimate start. Selection: HARRY BROWNE

4.00 GREEN HOWARDS CUP
(Nursery handicap: 2-Y-O: £6,212: 7f 202yd) (12 runners)

501 (3) 6113 ALZANTI 15 (BF,F,G) (Elite Racing Club) P Cole 9-7 Dane O'Neill (5) 93
502 (9) 441 JO MELL 21 (G) (C Newton Jnr Ltd) M H Easterby 9-4 M Birch 94
503 (11) 5331 WEET-A-MINUTE 22 (G) (Ed Weetman Ltd) R Hollinshead 9-3 L Dettori 90
504 (1) 6331 SAMIM 13 (G) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-1 W Carson 98
505 (6) 3321 NOSE NO BOUNDS 19 (D,G) (Ridings Racing) M Johnston 8-9 J Weaver 98
506 (12) 843 SIX CLERKS 47 (Marquesa de Moratalla) J Fitzgerald 8-6 Pat Eddery 85
507 (8) 54020 URGENT SWIFT 51 (L Fust) A Jarvis 8-5 C Adamson (7) 86
508 (2) 00815 IN PARADISUM 20 (D,F) (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 7-7 N Varley (3) 97
509 (5) 00002 THE WAD 22 (W Kelly) D Nicholls 7-7 Martin Dwyer (7) 91
510 (10) 220610 SCATHEBURY 44 (G) (M Johnson) S Woods 7-7 M Baird (5) ●
511 (7) 0400 NORTHERN FALCON 19 (Mrs P Hartley) M W Easterby 7-7 P Fessey (5) 95
512 (4) 405005 MYSTERIOUS TIMES 13 (B) (Mrs M Lingwood) B Murray 7-7 T Williams 77

Long handicap: In Paradisum 7-5, The Wad 7-3, Scathebury 7-2, Northern Falcon 7-2, Mysterious Times 6-12.

BETTING: 3-1 Samim, 4-1 Jo Mell, 6-1 Alzanti, 7-1 Weet-A-Minute, 8-1 Nose No Bounds, Six Clerks, 10-1 others

1994: IN GOOD FAITH 7-13 D R McCabe (9-2 fav) J Quinn 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALZANTI 3l and neck 3rd of 6 to Oriel Lad in nursery at Chester (7f, good to soft). JO MELL beat Reinhardt 2½l in 14-runner maiden at Ayr (7f, good). WEET-A-MINUTE beat Lovely Prospect neck in 17-runner maiden auction at Beverley (7f 100yd, good). *SAMIM* beat Consordino ¾l in 15-runner nursery at Redcar (7f, good). *NOSE NO BOUNDS* beat *Two Socks* neck in 8-runner maiden at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 100yd). URGENT SWIFT 1¼l 3rd of 9 to Vanishing Point in nursery at Goodwood (7f, firm). THE WAD beat 2nd of 17 to Dornoor in selling nursery at Beverley (1m 100yd, good). Selection: ALZANTI

4.30 WALMGATE CLAIMING STAKES (£6,160: 1m 2f 85yd) (13 runners)

601 (8) 051110 MELLOTTIE 5 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs J Fulton) Mrs M Reveley 10-9-7 K Darley ●
602 (11) 3/60550 RAMBO'S HALL 5 (D,F,G,S) (B Gunn) J Glover 10-9-0 D McKeown 94
603 (10) 0-10030 WESTERN GENERAL 95 (G,S) (Mrs J McAlister) Miss S Hall 4-8-11 M Henry (5) 90
604 (6) 502/318 HIGH PREMIUM 9 (F,G) (J Parsons) R Fahey 7-8-8 A Culhane 91
605 (1) /360/45 SOLDIER COVE 16 (S) (Ladyswood Racing Club) M Meade 5-8-8 V Slattery 72
606 (12) 0 BALLYSOKERRY 7 (C Moore) J Parkes 4-8-6 D Harrison –
607 (5) 155210 COURSE FISHING 30 (D,F) (G Bull) B McMahon 4-8-6 L Dettori 70
608 (7) 4040 KARIBU 10 (Lt-Col W Monteith) P Monteith 4-8-6 S D Williams 58
609 (2) 5525-21 KATY'S LAD 99 (D,F,G,S) (J Butler) B McMahon 8-8-6 L Newton (5) 76
610 (3) 222230 ONCE MORE FOR LUCK 13 (G,S) (C Buckley) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-6 J Weaver 86
611 (13) 000500 PENDOLINO 10 (B,G) (I Booth) M Britain 4-8-6 J Carroll 54
612 (9) 1- PEEP O DAY 222J (F) (J Holdroyd) J Eyre 4-8-3 R Lappin 80
613 (4) 302200 BOLD TOP 35 (Mrs G Spink) B Rothwell 3-8-2 M Fenton 60

BETTING: 2-1 Mellottie, 4-1 Rambo's Hall, 6-1 High Premium, 8-1 Katy's Lad, Once More For Luck, 10-1 others.

1994: DISKETTE 4-8-5 M Roberts (3-1) Lord Huntingdon 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

MELLOTTIE 5l 10th of 39 to Cap Juluca in the Cambridgeshire Handicap at Newmarket (1m 1f, good to firm) with RAMBO'S HALL (4lb better off) 8l 24th. WESTERN GENERAL 2½l 3rd of 9 to My Learned Friend in handicap at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, good) on penultimate start. HIGH PREMIUM beat Bold Angel 1½l in 20-runner claimer at Ayr (1m, good) on penultimate start. *KATY'S LAD beat Lunar Mission 3½l in 5-runner claimer at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good to firm). ONCE MORE FOR LUCK neck and 2l 3rd of 13 to* Bit On The Side in handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good to soft). Selection: MELLOTTIE

5.00 AINSTY MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £6,108: 1m 2f 85yd) (9 runners)

1 (2) 0 MODAJJAJ 26 (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 9-0 P Robinson –
2 (4) 2 *MOTAKABBER 189 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 9-0* L Dettori 90
3 (1) PALACE GUARD (C Wall) G Enright 9-0 M Birch –
4 (3) 0-0 SOLATIUM 170 (F Farrad) M Pipe 9-0 Paul Eddery 78
5 (5) 0 TELMO 118 (J Hormaeche) C Wall 9-0 O Urbina –
6 (6) 40 ALL THE TIME 150 (Capt J Macdonald-Buchanan) P Cole 8-9 W Carson 87
7 (7) 0-53040 BINT ZAMAYEM 15 (Sir Eric Parker) B Hills 8-9 M Hills ●
8 (8) 0 BRICK COURT 113 (R Johnson Houghton) R Johnson Houghton 8-9 Pat Eddery 74
9 (9) 0422 STEP ALOFT 16 (BF) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 8-9 D Harrison 95

BETTING: 6-4 Motakabber, 2-1 Step Aloft, 6-1 All The Time, 10-1 Solatium, Bint Zamayem, 12-1 others.

1994: PIANOLA 8-9 R Cochrane (5-1) J Gosden 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

MODAJJAJ 21l 9th of 11 to Akayid in maiden at Goodwood (1m 2f, good). MOTAKABBER 4l 2nd of 16 to Parthian Springs in maiden at Leicester (1m 2f, soft). ALL THE TIME 6¾l 4th of 19 to Tarhhib in maiden at Newbury (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. BINT ZAMAYEN best effort 1¼l and short-head 3rd of 8 to Spout in listed race at Newbury (1m 2f, good). BRICK COURT 12l 10th of 15 to Ahla in maiden at Kempton (1m 4f, good to firm). STEP ALOFT 2l 2nd of 13 to Top Lady in maiden at Epsom (1m 4f, soft). Selection: MOTAKABBER

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Charlton	11	41	26.8	Pat Eddery	44	227	19.4
J Gosden	33	125	26.4	L Dettori	35	197	17.8
D Loder	5	21	23.8	W Carson	35	237	14.8
D Nicholls	4	17	23.5	M Fenton	3	26	11.5
J Eyre	4	18	22.2	Only qualifiers			

The sporting heroism that needs no hype

BRYANT'S EYE

Cantona does it with style; Maradona does it with difficulty; Ballesteros vows that he will keep on doing it until he is 54; and every weekend-athlete dreams of doing it someday. It is the great sporting comeback.

Suddenly, the comeback is everywhere. You can hardly glance through a weekend's results without seeing the evidence. Liz McColgan romps away with the Great North Run despite being written off as an athlete by a team of doctors. Mike Tyson emerges from a jail sentence to write off a mediocre opponent in the first round. Monica Seles recovers from the trauma of having a knife stuck in her back by a demented tennis fan to win the Canadian Open without dropping a set. The comebacks are hyped, dramatised, and they make the turnstiles spin.

There certainly seems to be something deep in the soul of every player and every spectator that betrays a yearning to turn the clock back. It is not just the 32-year-old would-be medical students in Glasgow who long to be 17 again. In order to get out there and give of his best, every true sportsman clings to the fiction that the best performance is yet to come.

For the spectator, the comeback is compelling. Can the old favourite recapture glories past? Will the legs work? Will the nerve hold? The fascination is such that in some sports we've created a whole new artificial comeback culture. In tennis and golf, there are "senior" tournaments with big rewards for age-group competition. Gary Player reckons to have made more money this way than ever he did in his prime.

The ageing sports fan, of course, loves this. The successful comeback will have those little flames of hope leaping in the heart. The player who's had an enforced break from his sport because he's hit the bottle or kicked the crowd is the one you can relate to. If he can come back, perhaps you can too.

But all too many sporting comebacks are rubbish. Who can believe that anything but money lured Joe Bugner back into the boxing ring at 45? And for all its hype, the Cantona comeback was really no more than the first game back by a professional after a suspension. For a real comeback, you need more than that. But when the comeback is genuine, it is compelling.

Seles, laid low for 2½ years by a knife wound that did as much damage to her mind as to her body, picked up the pieces of her career on the international tennis circuit as if she had never been away. The great jockey, Bob Champion, defying the after-effects of cancer, rode Aldaniti to an unforgettable victory in the 1981 Grand National.

Right now, Chris Boardman, the Olympic champion cyclist, is putting the finishing touches to a comeback struggle that began the day he crashed out of the Tour de France on the opening stage in July. He was left with a fractured wrist and a double fracture of the ankle, but he will be racing again within weeks.

These are the comebacks that inspire, that keep you at it when you fear your own playing days are long gone. You can argue long and hard about which is the greatest comeback of all. The truth is that the greatest comebacks have little to do with hype.

The one that really inspires, the one you should replay in your head when you pull your battered trainers on to your even more battered feet, is that of Louis Zamperini. Zamperini is an all-too-long-forgotten American athlete who ran the 5,000 metres in the 1936 Olympics, and was remembered by his United States team-mates as the man who stole the swastika from Hitler's Chancellery in Berlin. He retired from his sport in 1940.

As an Army Air Force captain during the Second World War, he crashed in the Pacific and spent 47 days adrift and alone in a small rubber liferaft. He was officially declared dead, but was captured and spent 2½ years as a Japanese prisoner of war. As a propaganda stunt, the Japanese forced Zamperini, suffering badly from near starvation, to compete against Japanese runners who were well fed and in good condition. "I had no desire for competing," he said, "but I was given to understand that if I didn't run not only I, but the whole camp, would suffer. My pride was not worth that.

"And once started around that little oval I felt this was my game — even my business — and pride returned." So much pride returned that Zamperini overtook the Japanese shortly before the finish, and his captors desperately kept the race going hoping he would eventually tire. But the American didn't give up easily — and as the Japanese fell further and further behind they eventually had to call the race off.

So, triumph for Zamperini in the unlikeliest comeback of all time. His reward for victory? No big cheques, no headlines, no ballyhoo. Just a beating from his guards.

JOHN BRYANT

Britain seeking unprecedented trophy treble without leading light



Siddall, having slipped 119 places in the world rankings during her debilitating illness, faces an uphill struggle to revive her career. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Siddall sets out on road to recovery



Stuart Jones on a young tennis player whose exhausting illness has defied attempts at diagnosis

SHIRLI-ANN SIDDALL should this morning have been representing Great Britain and attempting to win the Maureen Connolly Trophy, the annual under-21 team tennis event against the United States, for an unprecedented third year in a row. Instead, she will still be trying to resurrect her career.

The last time she appeared in public, during the Wimbledon championships, she found the experience "scary". Then the nation's No 2, she was frightened not by the weight of domestic expectation but by "a paper bag" which had been placed over her mouth. At the time, she was on a stretcher.

Her premature and undignified departure from the mixed doubles was seen as comical by the foreign observers. How could a player suffer, they asked, from heat exhaustion in Britain? But Siddall was the victim of a complaint that, three months later, has yet to be satisfactorily diagnosed.

Early in the third set, she had warned her partner, Danny Sapsford, that she was having trouble breathing. By the time the trainer arrived at the court, she was racked with cramp, hyperventilating and believed she was about to faint. She was unable either to continue or to leave on foot. Although she had recovered by nightfall, she was ordered not to drive home.

The examinations began the following day. The first, a seemingly primitive test for asthma, required her to run round a hospital for ten minutes. The exercise, straightforward for a professional athlete, left her exhausted.

Neither a specialist studying fatigue at the British Olympic centre nor a neurologist could detect the source of the problem other than to suggest that she might have contracted a virus.

The illness came hard on the heels of a sequence of injuries. Torn ankle ligaments prevented her from competing at Edgbaston and Eastbourne in the build-up to Wimbledon and a physiotherapist, later examining her strained shoulder, advised her to rest after the championships. She has had no choice.

Attempts at practising lasted for a few minutes before she felt enveloped by weariness. Habitually falling asleep in the afternoons, she recalls "the worst day" when, at home in Bournemouth, she could not even complete a walk around the local supermarket with her father, Ted.

With no medicinal cure available, she was inactive for two months before she felt strong enough to resume, initially for only half an hour at her club in north London. She had missed virtually the whole of the season on grass, her favourite surface, on which much of her ranking was based.

She had climbed to No 262 in the world, second among British competitors only to Clare Wood. She has fallen to No 381, lower than all but one of the five representatives selected for the Maureen Connolly Trophy, and, yet to strike a competitive ball since being carried out of Wimbledon, could not be considered.

Siddall will be ineligible next year and so will retire from the competition with only one blemish on her record. Her lone singles defeat in three years was inflicted by Audra Keller, then ranked No 90 in the world, in Memphis in 1992, the last time the United States claimed the trophy.

They won by the narrowest margin, 6-5, and their team featured the 20-year-old Amy Frazier, who this year knocked Natasha Zvereva and Mary Pierce out of the US Open. The Americans have since weakened their challenge. Indeed, the players forming their quintet are unknown.

Marissa Catlin, Traci Green, Kristin Sanderson, Varalee Sureephong and Farley Taylor will all be making their debuts. So will the leader of the British team, Lizzie Jelfs, last year's national junior champion from Banbury and now ranked No 1, four places above Wood.

She is 19. So is Mandy Wainwright, who is picked for the fourth time and will be in action twice on the first of three days at the Scotstoun Leisure Centre, which was opened only six months ago, in Glasgow. She follows Lucie Ahl and precedes Jelfs in the singles.

Wainwright will then partner the other newcomer, Kate Warne-Holland, in the doubles. Karen Cross is the fifth member of the British team competing in the 11 rubbers. Next month, when they enter the national championships at Telford, Siddall intends to be there with them.

TODAY'S DRAW: L Ahl v F Taylor; A Wainwright v M Catlin; L Jelfs v K Sanderson; Wainwright and K Warne-Holland v Catlin and V Sureephong.

RADIO CHOICE

The wheel of misfortune

The New Recruit. *Radio 4, 8.45pm.*

Jim is a new hand at driving a bus; he has been at the wheel for only eight months. Bill has been at it for 34 years, and is now on the schoolbus circuit. He sounds like an obliging sort of chap. Although he may not believe it when his young fares tell him that they have lost their money, he lets them off with a caution and his well of liberality never seems to run dry. As for Jim, it is a routine occurrence when his bus is kicked by young thugs. I am surprised that he is surprised that half of his customers never say "Goodbye" or "Thanks" when they get off his vehicle. He says that bus company rivalry is becoming so intense that some drivers refuse to pick up anybody with a free bus pass. It is cash customers only.

Evening Concert. *Classic FM, 8.00pm.*

In a programme that also includes Copland's Clarinet Concerto and Ireland's Epic March, cinema memories are stirred, even shaken, by two other works. It is impossible to overstate the contribution that Walton's score made to the success of Olivier's *Henry V*; and what a surprise it was to hear in this film his version of the *Ballero*, the wistful song most of us thought we had heard for the first time as one of Canteloube's *Songs of the Auvergne*. As for Mussorgsky's *Night on the Bare Mountain*, I only wish I could rid my mind of Disney's *Fantasia*. Mussorgsky's frightening pictures needed to be painted in our imagination, not on the screen.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Dave Pearce 6.30 Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.30pm Lisa I'Anson, incl at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat; and at 1.15 The Net 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, incl at 4.40 *Judge Dredd*; and at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Soundbite 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00-4.00am Claire Sturgess

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Debbie Thrower 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The News Huddlines 7.30 David Allan 9.00 Paul Jones 9.45 Gospel Train 10.30 Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am *Morning Reports*, incl at 5.45 Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, incl at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine, incl at 10.35 Euronews and at 11.00 News; Gut Reaction 12.00 Midday with Mair, incl at 12.34pm Moneycheck; and at 1.15 Entertainment News 2.05 Ruscoe on Five, incl at 3.45 Entertainment News 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide, incl at 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra, incl 7.20 Sport 7.35 Chris Rea Goes Into . . . 8.05 Women on Top 9.05 SportsAmerica 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, incl at 11.15 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am Night Moves 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sandy Warr 7.00 Simon Bates 10.00 Jonathan King 12.00 Tommy Boyd 2.00pm Anna Raeburn 4.00 Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner 7.00 Sean Bolger 9.00 Moz Dee 10.00 James Whale 1.00-6.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Newsdesk 5.30 Europe Today 6.00 Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 Newsday 7.30 Europe Today 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf: *An Instant in the Wind* 8.30 Network UK 9.00 News 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 Composer of the Month 9.45 Good Books 10.00 News in German 10.15 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Off the Shelf: *An Instant in the Wind* Noon Newsdesk 12.30pm Bhangra Beat 1.00 News 1.05 Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Assignment 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack: X-Press 4.00 News in German 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Network UK 5.00 News 5.15 The World Today 6.00 Europe Today 6.30 Business Report 6.45 Sport 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 News in German 8.00 News 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 John Peel 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 The World Today 11.45 Sport Midnight News 12.10am Take Five 12.15 Network UK 12.45 Health Matters 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 On the Move 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 World News 2.10 Press Review 2.15 In the Lion's Den 2.45 Global Concerns 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Stories in Verse 4.00 World News 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 Faith

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Early Breakfast 6.00 Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Newsnight 6.30 Sonata 7.00 The Travel Guide 8.00 Evening Concert: See Choice 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.30 Paul Coyle 10.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00am Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.30am **Open University:** Social Science, the World and You 6.55 Weather

7.00 **On Air:** Boccherini (Sinfonia in F); Beethoven (Für Elise); Ravel (Tzigane); 8.05 Wagner (Dawn and Siegfried's Rhine Journey, Götterdämmerung); 8.24 *Purcell Portfolio*: song selection; 8.34 Onslow (String Quintet in C minor, Bullet)

9.00 **Composer of the Week:** J.S. Bach (r)

10.00 **Musical Encounters,** including *Artist of the Week*: Virginia Black, harpsichord, plays Sebas (Toccata in D minor); 10.03 Kuhlau (Overture, William Shakespeare); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 15 in B flat); De la Guerre (Suite in D minor); 11.10 Part (Fratres for cello and piano); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 4 in A, Italian)

12.00 **Voices:** Wolfe's Goethe Songs (r)

1.00pm **The Boston Romantics:** *Music from late 19th-century Boston*, including music by Chadwick, Parker and Ives (r)

2.00 **Schools:** Radio Showcase 2.05 In the News 2.25 Something to Think About 2.40 Music Workshop

3.00 **Fairest Isle: The Judgement of Paris:** John Weldon's version of Congreve's *Judgement of Paris*. Second of three programmes

4.05 **Bernard d'Ascoli,** piano. Debussy (Preludes, Book 1); Fauré (Nocturne No 6 in D flat, Op 63) (r)

5.00 **The Music Machine:** Dufay Collective in a performance workshop of *Sumer is icumen in* at the Studio Theatre in Warwick Arts Centre

5.15 **In Tune,** with Brian Morton: Including 6.03 Telemann (Flute Concerto in D); 6.26 Haydn (Cello Concerto in C)

7.30 **Fairest Isle: A Vaughan Williams Cycle.** Bournemouth SO performs Symphony No 4 in F minor; Symphony No 8 in D minor; Symphony No 5 in D

9.30 **Young Irish:** The American novelist Mark Richard explores the aims of young Irish writers. In the fourth of five programmes, he talks to Eoin McNamee in Sligo

9.55 **Spitalfields Festival 1995:** Chi-Chi Nwanoku, double bass; Alex Maguire, piano; No Strings Attached; Sorrell Quartet performs Purcell, arr Sparling (Three Fantazias in three parts); Feldman (Three Clarinets, Cello and Piano); Mozart (Voi che sapete; Non più andrai, Le Nozze di Figaro; Divertimento in B flat); McBurney (A Winter's Walk round Trottse-Lykovo Park); Bach, arr Sparling/Hayes (Prelude and Fugue in E, "48", Bk I; Prelude and Fugue in F minor, "48", Bk II)

10.45 **Night Waves:** Umberto Eco talks about his novel, *The Island of the Day Before*

11.30-12.30am **Fairest Isle: Celtic Horizons.** BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Grant Llewellyn performs Mathias (Symphony No 2, Summer Music); Judith Weir (Music Untangled); Peter Maxwell Davies (An Orkney Wedding, with Sunrise)

1.00-2.30 **Night School:** Together Stories 1.30 Music for Dance 2.00 Look and Read: Spacewarp

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (LW only) 6.00 News, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Scottish Journeys, by Andrew Eames (4/5) (r) 8.56 Weather

9.00 **News**

9.05 **Face the Facts** (r)

9.30 **Opinion:** Chief Superintendent Caroline Nicholl argues that taxpayers do not get the best value from the police

10.00 **News; Dead Man's Ransom** (FM only): Philip Madoc as medieval glauth, Brother Cadfael (5/5)

10.00 **Holy Land Pilgrimage Daily Service** (LW), from the Catholic Action Centre in Bethlehem

10.15 **This Sceptr'd Isle** (LW only)

10.30 **Woman's Hour:** Serial: *Changes*, by Ama Ata Aidoo

11.30 **From Our Own Correspondent**

12.00 **News; You and Yours,** with Tasneem Siddiqi

12.25pm **Beyond the Blue Horizon** (r)

1.00 **The World at One,** with Nick Clarke at the Labour Party Conference

1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 **News; Making Up,** by David Goodland. Drag queen Darcy White's act is in dire need of a little inspiration. With Ronald Pickup

3.00 **News; The Afternoon Shift,** with Daire Brehan

4.00 **News** 4.05 **Kaleidoscope:** Paul Allen talks to Ken Loach about his film, *Land and Freedom*; and reviews Jonathan Harvey's play, *Rupert Street Lonely Hearts Club*

4.45 **Short Story: Departing People (First Bite),** by Pauline Masurel. Read by Jonathan Keeble

5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 **Six O'Clock News**

6.30 **Harry Hill's Fruit Corner:** Last in the series

7.00 **News** 7.05 **The Archers**

7.20 **Document:** The GAL Affair. Matthew Carr traces the story of the two Spanish journalists who found forged documents linked to official anti-ETA death squads (5/6)

8.00 **Analysis:** Ngaire Woods looks at the West's moral obligations in regional and ethnic conflicts such as Bosnia and Rwanda

8.45 **The New Recruit:** Bus Drivers. See Choice

9.00 **Does He Take Sugar?** Magazine for listeners with disabilities

9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 **The World Tonight**

10.45 **Book at Bedtime: The Mist in the Mirror,** by Susan Hill. Read by Gareth Armstrong (4/5) (r)

11.00 **Super Lily and the City of Strangers (First Bite),** by Metta Bolstad. Country girl Lily Stray ventures to the big city. With Tracy Wiles

11.30 **Postcard from Gotham** (r)

12.00 **News,** incl 12.27 Weather

12.30 **The Late Book: The Information,** by Martin Amis. Read by William Nighy (4/15)

12.48 Shipping 1.00 As World Service (LW only)

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WORD-WATCHING

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OKTA

(b) Meteorological jargon for an eighth part of the sky, from pedantry for the Greek *octa*. "From January 1, 1949, cloud amount has been observed and reported in oktas or eighths of sky covered, code figure 0 representing a clear sky, 1 representing 1 okta (eighth) of sky covered or less, but not zero, 2 representing two oktas, and so on."

RODNEY

(a) Canadian dialect for a small fishing boat or punt, origin indeterminate but clearly Canadian.

RESHT

(c) The name of a province and town in northwest Iran, used attributively as a toponym to designate patchwork made there. "There is also a kind of Persian patchwork called Resht. It is really an amazingly ingenious mosaic of cloth, only *one* thickness being used."

OBOSOM

(b) In the religious system of the Ashanti peoples of Ghana, a general name for any of the many gods inferior to the Supreme Being. From the Ashanti. Plural *abosom*.

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Boston bat protest proves unfounded

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ALBERT BELLE did as much as anyone to edge the Cleveland Indians into a one-game lead over the Boston Red Sox at the start of their American League baseball play-off, but he had to pass an unexpected test off the field as well as on it.

Belle's home run in the eleventh inning was the springboard for the Indians' 5-4 win in Cleveland, but it also sparked a protest from Boston, who demanded that Belle's bat be confiscated — recalling the seven-game suspension Belle served last season for using a corked bat in a match at Chicago. Thus, after his strike had tied the scores at 4-4, Tim Welke, the home plate umpire, had the bat taken away.

Belle, however, who hit 50 home runs this year, including a record 17 in September, was vindicated. The bat was cut open by officials early yesterday and cleared. "Bobby Brown [the former American League president] had it cut in two and he knows what he can do with those two pieces," Belle said. Tony Pena's thirteenth-inning home run assured Cleveland of victory.

David Cone pitched New York to a 1-0 lead in the best-of-five series in the other American League contest as they beat the Seattle Mariners 9-6. In Denver, the rookie, Chipper Jones, hit his second home run of the game in the ninth inning to secure the Atlanta Braves' 5-4 victory over the Colorado Rockies in the first game of their National League play-off. In the other National League opener, the Cincinnati Reds beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 7-2.

Relentless Hendry beats complacency

FROM PHIL YATES IN BANGKOK

STEPHEN HENDRY'S main problem at the Thailand Classic could be complacency. The world snooker champion enjoyed such superiority during a 5-0 quarter-final victory over Terry Griffiths here yesterday that he surprised himself.

"I never make statements about whether I'll win a particular event or not, but I'm very confident," Hendry said. He required only 70 minutes at the table to register his fifteenth successive victory over Griffiths and, although Hendry has inflicted a number of heavy defeats on the Welshman, notably a 10-1 drubbing in the final of the 1989 Regal Scottish Masters, it would be difficult to imagine a match with a greater air of inevitability than this encounter.

Hendry out-scored Griffiths 379-92. He potted unerringly, displaying a relentlessly even tempo while compiling breaks of 40, 83, 60 and 68. The only frame in which Griffiths challenged was the fifth, which Hendry won with a yellow to pink clearance.

Six months ago, after losing in the Thailand Open, Hendry said that as his career went on, it was becoming harder to become motivated week-in, week-out. While still regarding that as a fact of life, his form is keeping mental staleness at bay.

"Although I'm not as psyched-up for this tournament as I was for the Regal Masters a couple of weeks ago, I've got so much confidence in my game at the moment that it automatically guarantees a good attitude," he said.

Time for us to come off the medication

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

At last! After four weeks, I have proof. Prolonged exposure to **Degrees of Error** (BBC2) does cause pre-critical dementia. The sudden mood swings, the inane grin . . . suddenly everything falls into place.

It was the vacillation that first alerted me. One episode I thought Stephen Davis's pharmaceutical whatdunnit was unspeakably terrible, the next it was the best thing *since Edge of Darkness*. But the real breakthrough came last night, when I realised I had spent a full half *hour staring* at Dr Anna Pearce, trying to remember where I had seen that hairstyle before. Then eureka! — Katy Manning playing Dr Who's assistant, Jo, *circa 1973, I shouted*. Well lock me up and call me Phyllida Law.

An alternative diagnosis, I suppose, could be toxic television shock. Certainly the drugs rained *down in quantities* not normally found on dramatic prescription.

First there was thalidomide, which did nothing for Dr Pearce's rabbits *but did* establish the writer's central theme: bad drugs. Then there was lomnane, the fictional tranquilliser which Dr Pearce (Beth Goddard) was quite convinced caused brain damage that, conveniently for the drug companies, was being misdiagnosed as Alzheimer's.

Why lomnane rather than any of the other tranquillisers, asked a colleague? "It was *the sound of one hand clapping*," replied Dr Pearce enigmatically. Funny. I could swear it was the sound of one hobby-horse being ridden.

But Davis's raid on the medicine cabinet did not stop with lomnane. There was something called stilboestrol, which pill-popping Mother Pearce (Phyllida Law) had *taken during* her pregnancies. The side-effects were a not quite infertile son (we never did find out what caused his stupidity — lomnane in the breast milk perhaps?) and our heroine, Dr Pearce, with cancer. *"Go to hospital," we all shouted.* "I can't. I'm in a television thriller," she replied. Actually, what she *said* was "*I can't, I have very* nearly got what I'm after" but my version has the benefit of honesty.

What she was after was drug four, premenol (an updated and fictional version of thalidomide), that nice Dr Crane and as happy an ending as Davis could manage, given that he had already decided she would be recovering from a hysterectomy as the final credits rolled last night.

The concluding instalment was the best of the four, with Davis at last injecting the pace *that was missing in the* earlier episodes. At times, it would *have helped to have a medical* degree — if you didn't know your teratogenic drugs from your cryptogenic diseases you were in trouble. As for LD50, I'm still not sure whether it's an unemployment form or a pop group.

But the fact that the pluses eventually outweighed the minuses was largely thanks to Beth Goddard, *whose attractively commanding* presence as Dr Pearce managed to cut through the pharmo-babble that always threatened to engulf both her and the story. *That said, something very* curious happened to her vowels during the final showdown with Harman, *makers of all things* nasty. Apparently, something called the Hipocrartic Eurth was *going to protect her. Time for a* strong anti-plumagulant, perhaps.

The only drugs we saw on **Police, Camera, Action!** (ITV) last night were those being thrown from a speeding Metro as it tried to escape the pursuing patrol car. The villains had already thrown *out a machete and threatened to do* the same with a pit-bull terrier, a set of priorities that should give us an insight into the criminal mind — but somehow didn't.

What this cynical little programme does give us though is an insight into the minds at ITV *Network Centre. Here the priority* is cheap television — and television doesn't come much cheaper than this. All the footage of motorists doing foolish and/or dangerous things is *taken from* video cameras mounted in police cars and presumably costs next to nothing.

The only expense has gone on Alastair "watch the car in the middle lane" Stewart, who linked *the clips together in a manner that* alternated between Michael Buerk and Jeremy Beadle. Is this programme *meant to be frightening* or funny? No doubt the aim is to be both and no doubt each programme will have one or two clips that catch the eye and the ratings. *It would be nice to think we will* quickly tire of such tosh, but I have a nasty feeling we won't.

I also have a nasty feeling that Earth 2 (Sky One), which began last night, is not for me. Some can't take their science *fiction mixed with humour, some* can't take it mixed with sex but what I object to is science fiction mixed with slushy sentiment. And *Earth 2*, perhaps unsurprisingly, given that it is made by Steven Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment, comes with buckets of it.

Really there ought to be a law against programmes that include precocious American girls making *friends* with cute little aliens that can purr. And did I mention the futuristic Tiny Tim and his allergy to the 23rd century? Yuk.

In search of a better life, a group of pioneering colonists have *left the* over-crowded space stations around Earth in search of a new *planet. Of course they found it and* guess what? It looked just like all those suspiciously green places that the original *Enterprise* crew would beam down to from time to time. You know, where Mr Spock would suddenly rediscover his human side and start kissing the first passing blonde alien. Now, I don't care how good the special effects are, if someone doesn't start kissing someone pretty soon on *Earth 2*, I'm off. And no — cute little aliens don't count.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (88143)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (86200259)

9.05 The Rockford Files (r) (5537196) **9.50 Holiday Outings. Ireland.** *The Shannon-Erne waterway* (s) (8642969)

10.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (5405476)

10.05 Conference Live 95: The Labour Party (s) (94558211) **12.50 Regional News** *and weather* (62510263)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (67501)

1.30pm Neighbours. Annalise finds her view of life put into perspective by a medical problem. Cheryl's dead celebrities prove there's *life in them yet*, Marlene gets mad and the Pet Shop Boys turn up (*Ceefax*) (*s*) (*47121650*)

1.55 The Flying Doctors (Ceefax) (s) (7205327) **2.40 Today's Gourmet** (s) (7246476) **3.05 The Great British Quiz** (s) (8819582)

3.30 Moomin (6915259) **3.55 Monster Café** (s) (4312018) **4.10 The Animals of Farthing Wood** (Ceefax) (s) (1186582) **4.35 Smart** (Ceefax) (s) (2888414)

5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (6652211) **5.05 Byker Grove.** Arran lets the side down while Gary and Laura decide on a draw (Ceefax) (1269018)

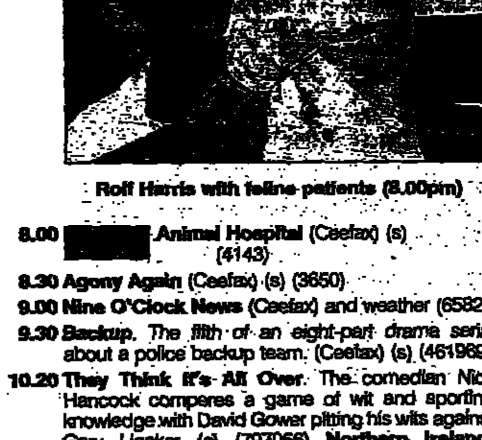
5.35 Neighbours. Helen and Marlene make a discovery(r) (Ceefax) (s) (947679)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (178)

6.30 Regional News magazines (698)

7.00 Top of the Pops (Ceefax) (s) (5495)

7.30 EastEnders. Cindy is forced to do some quick thinking while Michelle has unfinished business with Grant. (Ceefax) (s) (582)



Rolf Harris with feline patients (8.00pm)

8.00 Animal Hospital (Ceefax) (s) (4143)

8.30 Agony Again (Ceefax) (s) (3650)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (6582)

9.30 Backup. *The fifth of an eight-part drama serial* about a police backup team. (Ceefax) (s) (461969)

10.20 They Think It's All Over. The comedian Nick Hancock comperes a game of wit and sporting knowledge with David Gower pitting his wits against Gary Lineker (s) (797056) **Northern Ireland:** Spotlight 10.50 They Think It's All Over 11.20 Question Time 12.20am Inside Ulster News 12.25-1.55 Film: Captain Apache

10.55 Question Time. *Political debate chaired* by David Dimbleby, including Robin Cook, MP, Shadow Foreign Secretary, Lord Tebbit, former Conservative minister and party chairman; Liz Lynne, Liberal Democrat MP; and Lisa Jardine, Professor of English, London University. (Ceefax) (779785)

11.55 FILM: Making the Case for Murder: The Howard Beach Story (1989) starring Daniel J. Travanti and Joe Morton. True story about a brutal attack in 1986 *on three black men by a gang of white youths in the* New York community of Howard Beach. Directed by Dick Lowry (*Ceefax*) (987747)

1.20am Weather (9178544)

BBC2

6.20 Open University: Biology Form and Function (2982619) **6.45** Database Developments (6099698) **7.10** Ecology (9479698) **7.35** Science: The Search for W and Z (9581747)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (6134853)

8.15 The Legend of Prince Valiant (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3214969) **8.40 Lassie** (4064495)

9.00 Daytime on Two: Secret Service (80327) **9.30** *Focus* (6378211) **9.45** *Over the Moon* (6373766) **10.00** Playdays (1233360) **10.25** Storytime (*2285940*) **10.45** *The Experimenter* (3796105) **11.05** Space Ark — Plants and Animals (2295650) **11.15** Healthe 2 (5732747) **11.35** Landmarks — Victorian Britain (3869143) **11.55** Job Bank (9688037) **12.15** Le Club (5442969) **12.30** Working Lunch (93389) **1.00** Lifeschool (22987872) **1.25** Mad About Music (81252747)

1.45 Numbertime (s) (26047582) **2.00 The Family Ness** (r) (97601495) **2.05 Bump** (r) (97600766)

2.10 Conference Live 95. Nick Ross introduces coverage of the Labour Party Conference in Brighton (s). Includes **News**, regional news and weather at **3.00** and **3.55** (93264921)

5.30 Floyd on Italy (r) (Ceefax) (s) (747)

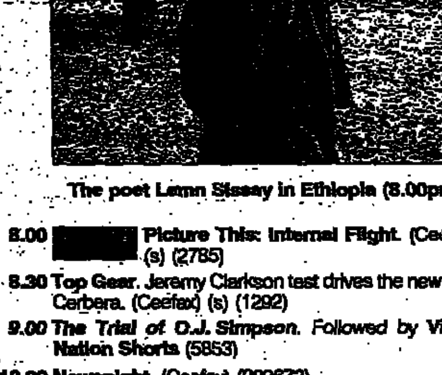
6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (Ceefax) (s) (834563)

6.45 Rocky Star (b/w). A cult Australian sci-fi spoof, based on the Fifties radio programme of the same *name* (793211)

6.50 Close Up. Gale-Ann Hurd selects a scene from *The Abyss* (s) (439501)

7.00 A League Apart: 100 Years of Rugby League. Michael Parkinson celebrates a century of rugby league. *With contributions from, among others*, Alex Murphy, Neil Fox and Jonathan Davies (262853)

7.50 A Week to Remember (b/w). (448871)



The poet Lemn Sissay in Ethiopia (8.00pm)

8.00 Picture This: Internal Flight. (Ceefax) (s) (2785)

8.30 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson test drives the new TVR Cerbera. (Ceefax) (s) (1292)

9.00 The Trial of O.J. Simpson. Followed by **Video Nation Shorts** (5853)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (229673)

11.15 Late Review. *Includes comment on the BBC's* dramatisation of *Pride and Prejudice* (985679)

11.55 Weather (334211)

12.00 Arts. Part two of Aphra Behn's restoration comedy, *The Rover* (4925815). Ends at **1.25am**

4.00 BBC Focus: The Royal Institution Discourse (86612)

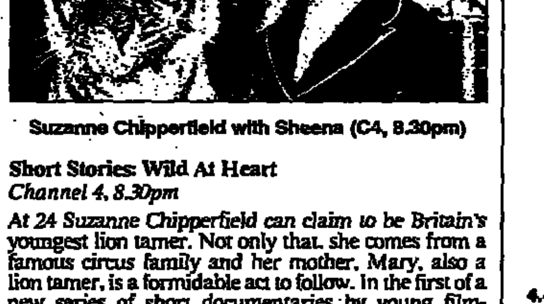
5.30 RCN Nursing Update (14438). Ends at **6.00**

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CHOICE

Animal Hospital
BBC1, 8.00pm

Rolf Harris and chums are back to present more *stories of sick and injured* pets from the RSPCA's Harmsworth Hospital in north London. While Steve Knight and a *new* reporter from Scotland, Mairi McHaffie, go out on the road with the RSPCA's ambulance crews and inspectors, Rolf will be at the sharp end. His brief is to watch the clinics and operating theatres, as vets work round the clock to patch up damaged animals. If the first series is anything to go by, we can expect the unexpected. Many of the patients will be cats and dogs but many of the 12 million viewers who watched last time will recall the iguana with the broken finger, the chinchilla with sensitive teeth and the 14ft python.



Suzanne Chipperfield with Sheena (C4, 8.30pm)

Short Stories: Wild At Heart
Channel 4, 8.30pm

At 24 Suzanne Chipperfield can claim to be Britain's youngest lion tamer. Not only that, she comes from a famous circus family and her mother, Mary, also a lion tamer, is a formidable act to follow. In the first of a new series of short documentaries by young film-makers, Matthew Thompson follows Suzanne as she prepares for a circus engagement at Great Yarmouth. Not only is she inexperienced but her act features tigers who are new to the *show* and might not take to bright lights and a noisy audience. She also has to contend with demonstrators, who accuse circuses in general, and Suzanne in particular, of being cruel to animals. One way and another Thompson has the perfect ingredients, and he makes the most of them.

Picture This: Internal Flight
BBC2, 8.00pm

Lemn Sissay, a poet who lives in Manchester, goes in search of his Ethiopian father, a journey as much emotional as physical and much of it told by by Sissay in verse. We hear how was born in Bolton in 1967 but abandoned by his parents. Fostered from the age of *seven months, he later spent six years in children's* homes. He was 14 before a friendly social worker *showed him his birth certificate. He eventually traced* his mother to The Gambia but information about his father was more scanty. The trail leads to Addis Abbaba, a joyous meeting with a half-sister and a trip to the Simien Mountains which he believes to be his father's final resting place. Rachel Pownall's film is a directing debut and a very assured one.

Battered Britain: A Mind to Crime
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The second of two documentaries this week continues to explore how brain disorders may be the cause of violent crime. Case histories from the United States refute the sociologists' view that extreme behaviour is linked to social deprivation. The biologists are having their say and they tell a plausible story. Rusty Workman cut the throats of an elderly couple while robbing a store. He acted on impulse and was full of remorse afterwards. Brain damage from birth was the likely explanation. A brain defect caused by a head injury in a *motorcycle accident may explain why* Bobby Joe Long turned into a compulsive rapist and *serial killer. The implications of the research are* debated in a programme at 11.45pm. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (7441327) **9.25 Supermarket Sweep** (s) (5715853) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) (1250037)

10.00 The Time...the Place *(s) (9183018)*

10.35 This Morning (39592495)

12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (4790563)

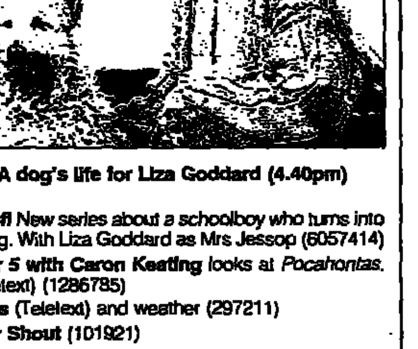
12.30 News *and weather (Teletext) (9151018)*

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9169037) **1.25 Emmerdale** (r) (Teletext) (22966389) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (91213292) **2.20 Vanessa: Living with an Anorexic.** (Teletext) (s) (44224679) **2.50 Special Babies** (r) (Teletext) (s) (8181921)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (5309281)

3.25 London Today (Teletext) (6759722)

3.30 The Riddlers (4337327) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (1111360) **3.50 Astro Farm** (Teletext) (s) (4331143) **4.05 Garfield and Friends** (9926211) **4.15 Fantomcat** (s) (1170921)



A dog's life for Liza Goddard (4.40pm)

4.40 Woof! New series about *a schoolboy who turns into* a dog. With Liza Goddard as Mrs Jessop (6057414)

5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating looks at *Pocahontas*. (Teletext) (1286785)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (297211)

5.55 Your Shout (101921)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext)(414)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (766)

7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (9993)

7.30 The Big Story (s) (650)

8.00 The Bill: Bad Pictures. Carver and Woods suspect a petty thief of a much more serious offence. With Mark Wingett and Tom Cotcher. (Teletext) (9211)

8.30 Class Act. *When Kate Swift suggests the Little House on the Prairie* is crooked, the Rev Ben *Fewster starts saying* his prayers. *With* Joanna Lumley (Teletext) (s) (79940)

9.30 Scotland Yard: Flying Squad. This is the second part of a documentary showing real police in action on a real raid. Two camera crews shadowed flying squad officers as they put into effect a dangerous operation to bring to an end a series of armed robberies. (Teletext) (14209)

10.00 ITN News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (65018)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (771308)

10.40 Look Who's Talking with Mariella Frostrup (s)(571389)

11.10 Big City. *The Star Trek exhibition and latest film* releases (s) (152259)

11.40 Bagdad Cafe. Comedy series with Whoopi Goldberg (s) (665563)

12.15am War of the Worlds. Harrison is pursuing his stepmother (r). (9750709)

1.10 Shift (3550148)

2.05 The Beat (r) (s) (9303631)

3.00 The Album Show (r) (s) (2309341)

3.50 Profile (s) (80276631)

4.10 The Little Picture Show (r) (8832341)

5.00 Vanessa (r) (Teletext) (s) (66438)

5.30 ITN Morning News ends **6.00**(88344)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Heathcliff. Cartoon series (r) (6093414)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (57124)

9.00 Sabotage. All-women quiz (r) (s) (75495)

9.30 Schools. Middle English (6370679) **9.45** The Maths Programme (9258785) **10.05** Scientific Eye (3458853) **10.25** Geographical Eye (2287308) **10.45** Le Petite Monde de Pierre (1683747) **11.00** Time Capsule (5722360) **11.20** Changing Wales (3064834) **11.40** *Spanish Programme* (3676650)

12.00 Travelog in France Cannes (r) (95259)

12.30pm Sesame Street (31292) **1.30 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz** (r) (s) (47114360)

1.55 Time to Talk. Diana Moran, the fitness expert, talks to Lesley Judd about the strengths she needed when breast cancer was diagnosed (r) (5745376)

2.30 Two to Tango A *dialogue-free* short about the romance between a music student and a girl he sees in a café (5365489)

2.40 FILM: I Love You Again (1940, b/w) starring William Powell and Myrna Loy. A romantic comedy, *directed by W.S. Van Dyke II. (Teletext) (70606872)*

4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (563)

5.00 Ricki Lake. (Teletext) (s) (1311698)

5.45 Terrytoons *(294124)*

6.00 Home Improvement. American comedy series (Teletext) (s) (376)

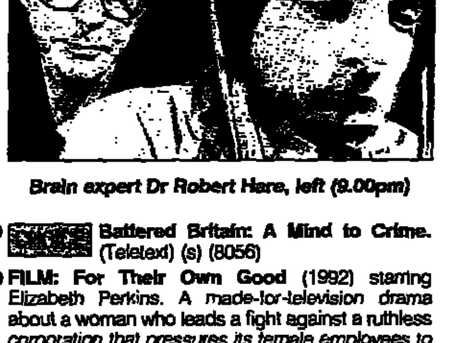
6.30 New Gamesmaster. Computer and video games magazine (s) (308)

7.00 Channel 4 News. *(Teletext) (967281)*

7.50 Fighting Back. Richard McKay explains how enrolling in the local kick-boxing club restored his self-confidence (s) (648899)

8.00 "The Vision Thing". Sheena McDonald interviews *the philosopher and law professor Ronald Dworkin.* (Teletext) (s) (7853)

8.30 Short Stories: Wild at Heart. (Teletext) (6360)



Brain expert Dr Robert Hare, left (9.00pm)

9.00 Battered Britain: A Mind to Crime. (Teletext) (s) (8056)

10.00 FILM: For Their Own Good (1992) starring Elizabeth Perkins. A made-for-television drama about a woman who leads a fight against a ruthless *corporation that pressures its female employees to* undergo "voluntary" sterilisation in order to keep their jobs. *Directed by Ed Kaplan (415211)*

11.45 Battered Britain: A Mind to Crime — Debate. David Jessell presents a discussion between some of the experts from earlier programmes. (Teletext) (s) (611292)

12.50am Frontline (r). (Teletext) (7561032)

1.35 FILM: Dark City (1950) starring, in his screen debut, Charlton Heston, Lizabeth Scott, Viveca Lindfors and Dean Jagger. A thriller about the leader of a gang of gamblers who is being stalked by a killer when one of their victims commits suicide after losing in a fixed poker game. Directed by William Dieterle (613761)

3.25 An Eye on the Music. Music from a 60-piece *orchestra in an informal setting and from* Midge Ure (s) (8163214). Ends at **4.25**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (9169037) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (22966389) **2.50-3.20** High Road (8181921) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1286785) **6.30-7.00** Anglia News (766) **10.40** The Front Row (571389) **11.10** Marquee (152259) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (326360) **12.35am** War and Remembrance (487167) **2.25** Best of British Motorsport (1103952) **2.55** The Beat (4406322) **3.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (80267983) **4.15** Quiz Night (90309167) **4.40** *Recollectors (93138709)*

CENTRAL

As London except: 2.50-3.20 High Road (8181921) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1286785) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (199037) **10.40** Crime Stalker (775969) **11.40** *Air Ambulance (749569)* **12.10am** Night Shift (5676439) **3.50** Jobfinder (4549693) **5.20** *Asian Eye* (4520815)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9169037) **1.25** Home and Away (81263853) **1.50** Vanessa (47132768) **2.20** Special Babies (44224679) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (8181921) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1286785) **6.25** Granada Tonight (199037) **10.30** Granada News (771308) **10.40** New Voices: The Treasure of Zavimbi (571389) **11.10** *A Postcard from... Brighton* (152259) **11.40-12.25am** Hitting Home (665563) **3.50-4.10** *Jobfinder* (80276631)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (5326989) **1.20** Coronation Street (22967018) **2.50-3.20** Gardening Time (8181921) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1286785) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (766) **10.40** Limited Edition (571389) **11.10** Street Legal (640679) **3.50am** Jobfinder (80276631)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 2.50-3.20 Surprise Chefs (8181921) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (766) **7.30-8.00** Wild Tracks (650) **10.40** *Petersen* (571389) **11.10** Walker on Sport (152259) **11.40** The Big Story (665563)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (1250037) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (4790563) **12.55** Emmerdale (9169037) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (22966389) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (8181921) **3.20-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (6759722) **5.10** Home and Away (1286785) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Crimestoppers (121785) **6.00** Meridian *Tonight* (414) **6.30-7.00** True... but Strange (766) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (755360) **10.40** Film: Dead in the Water (88929360) **12.35am** War and Remembrance (487167) **2.25** Best of British Motorsport (1103952) **2.55** The Beat (4406322) **3.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (80267983) **4.15** Quiz Night (90309167) **4.40** Recollections (98136709) **5.00** Freescreen (66438)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (9169037) **1.25** Home and Away (22966389) **1.55-2.20** The Young Doctors (91213292) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (8181921) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1286785) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (98834) **10.30** Westcountry News; Weather (771308) **10.40** Crime Stalker (775969) **11.40** The Hidden Room (665563) **3.50am** *Jobfinder* (80276631)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (1250037) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather / Bileside: Network North (4790563) **12.55** Emmerdale (9169037) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (22966389) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (8181921) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bileside: Network North (6759722) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1286785) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (486940) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (766) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (771308) **10.40** Shouting the Odds (429871) **11.25** Prisoner Cell Block H (629476) **12.20am** Film: Renegade (141693) **2.05** America's Top Ten (2658047) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5130186) **3.05** Film: I Walk Alone (891273) **4.40** Jobfinder (1615070)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (57124) **9.00** Sabotage (75495) **9.30** Ysgolion (17969) **9.30** Middle English (6370679) **9.45** The Maths Programme (9258785) **10.05** Scientific Eye (3458853) **10.25** Geographical Eye (2287308) **10.45** Le Petit Monde De Pierre (1683747) **11.00** Time Capsule (5722360) **11.20** Changing Wales (3064834) **11.40** The Spanish Programme (3676650) **12.00pm** Sesame Street (90292) **1.00** Slot Meithrin (50211) **1.30** Film: Tobacco Road (65124) ***3.00*** *Film: The Moonraker* (10853) **4.30** Absolutely Animals (563) **5.00** 5 Pump. Uned 5 (8969) **5.30** Fifteen To One (143) **6.00** Newyddion (838563) **6.15** Hero (629765) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (768292) **7.25** Bacha Hi O' Ma (481940) **8.00** Ac Eto Nid Myfi... amyr (7853) **8.30** Newyddion (6360) **9.00** Derec Llwyd Morgan yn Cyflwyno (273785) **9.40** One For The Road (630308) **10.10** Film: The Pope Must Die (134834) **12.05am** Battered Britain: A Mind To Crime (9733032) **1.05** Battered Britain: Fighting Back (9140761)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

7.00am DJ Kat (96360) **8.30** Jeopardy (37259) **9.00** Court TV (11211) **9.30** Oprah Winfrey (95563) **10.30** Blockbusters (17495) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (92211) **12.00** Spellbound (32637) **12.30pm** Designing Women (31563) **1.00** The Waltons (36018) **2.00** Geraldo (52105) **3.00** Court TV (7872) **3.30** *The Oprah Winfrey Show* (3759766) **4.20** Kids TV (1245872) **4.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (5143) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8124) **6.00** Power Rangers (3308) **6.30** Spellbound (7360) **7.00** LAPD (9853) **7.30** M*A*S*H (6872) **8.00** Due South (99501) **9.00** The New Untouchables (96037) **10.00** *Star Trek: The Next Generation* (99124) **11.00** Law and Order (80476) **12.00** David Letterman (5925438) **12.45am** V (7383525) **1.30** Anything But Love (33761) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix (3536631)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

6.00am Sunrise (3001211) **9.30** News (93195) **10.30** *ABC Nightline* (15037) **11.00** News and Business (90853) **1.30pm** CBS *News* (38476) **2.30** *Memories* (3927) **3.30** Beyond 2000 (5766) **5.00** Live at Five (6766) **8.30** *Tonight* (8230) **9.00** News and Business (8143) **9.30** The O.J. Simpson Trial (4814921) **12.30am** CBS News (98186) **1.30** Tonight (37896) **2.30** Memories (13341) **3.30** Beyond 2000 (25186) **4.30** CBS News (84436) **5.30-6.00** ABC News

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (1729501) **10.00 How the West Was Fun** (1993) (42679) **12.00 The Spy With My Face** (1965) (66308) **2.00pm Lucky Lady** (1975) (70476) **4.00 Butch and Sundance: The Early Days** (1979) (3058) **6.00 How the West Was Fun** (1993): As 10am (54361871) **7.40** US Top Ten (381650) **8.00 Guyver: Dark Hero** (1992) (95785) **10.00 TC 2000** (1993) (302308) **11.35 Three of Hearts** (1993) (367495) **1.25am Bad Dreams** (1988) (2019490) **2.45 Shadows and Fog** (1992) (2325902) **4.10-6.00 Butch and Sundance: The Early Days** (1979): As 4pm (719235)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 The Heiress (1949) (37495) **2.00pm Separate Tables** (1958) (69308) **4.00 Seven Brides for Seven Brothers** (1954) (8308) **6.00 This Island Earth** (1954) (72872) **8.00 Jaws 2** (1978) (51389) **10.00 Masquerade** (1988) (214679) **11.40 Darling** (1965) (97127056) **1.45-3.40am Romanzo at Juliette** (1989) (337964)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Tarzan Finds a Son (1939) (83360) **8.00 Kidnapped:** Cartoon (93124) **9.00 Les Miserables** (1988): Animation (38650) ***10.00 Back to God's Country*** *(1953)* (33921) **12.00 Dishonored** (1931) (57650) **2.00pm Black Widow** (1954) (78018) **4.00 Kidnapped:** As 8am (40747) **5.00 Les Miserables** (1988): As 9am (1834) **6.00 Prancer** (1989) (81582) **8.00 Target of Suspicion** (1994) (26327) **9.30 The Movie Show** (44037) **10.00 In the Name of the Father** (1993) (94189619) **12.25am The Red Shoe Diaries: Double Dare** (1992) (758032) **2.00 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday** (1985) (849490) **3.45-5.45 The Blue Bird** (1940) (45756273)

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THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Umbrella Tree (91316037) **6.30** *Muppet Babies* (13983230) **7.00** *Winnie the Pooh* (59800389) **7.30** Ducktales (59812124) **8.00** Chip 'n' Dale's (24177650) **8.30** Wonderland (24176921) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (24190501) **9.30** Pooh Corner (91084105) **10.00** Dumbo's Circus (13974582) **10.30** Donald's Quack Attack (24196785) **11.00** Walt Disney Presents (59621872) **12.00** The Sinbad Show (24187037) **12.30pm** The Torkelsons (91088921) **1.00** Son of Dinosaurs (91093476) **2.00** Wonderland (65852037) **2.30** *Under the Umbrella Tree* (23092969) **3.00** Fraggle Rock (65864872) **3.30** *Winnie the Pooh* (23097414) **4.00** Donald's Quack Attack (23076921) **4.30** Ducktales (23072105) **5.00** Chip 'n' Dale's (65843389) **5.30** Danger Bay (23096785) **6.00** Tarzan (23093698) **6.30** Dinosaurs (23077650) **7.00** FILM: Double Dynamite (59813853) **9.00-10.00** The Unknown Marx Brothers (21037056)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Sports Centre (33582) **7.30** Wrestling Superstars (81747) **8.30** Aerobics (55230) **9.00** Soccer Magazine (46582) **9.30** Grass Roots Rugby (88056) **10.00** Ladies Golf: Italian Open (41501) **11.00** NBA Inside Stuff (96871) **11.30** Powerboat World (46030) **12.00** Aerobics (33018) **12.30pm** Tennis (82872) **1.00** *Get Your Handicap* Down (32853) **1.30** Grass Roots Rugby (81143) **2.00** WDC World Team Championship, Live (990563) **5.00** Wrestling (9018) **6.00** Sports (7766) **6.30** Rugby (8018) **7.00** WDC World Team Championship, Live (624018) **10.00** Sports (34747) **10.30** Tight Lines (29259) **11.30** Pole Position (79105) **12.30am** World Sport (43693) **1.30** Rugby Union (76047) **2.00-2.30** Sports (78677)

EUROSPORT

8.30am Equestrianism (93834) **9.30** Tennis (59785) **10.30** Cycling (57143) **12.00** Eurofun (51414) **12.30pm** Rallycross (58637) **1.30** Tennis (76211) **2.00** Live Tennis (3272969) **7.30** News (2698) **8.00** Tractor Pulling (20495) **9.00** Pro Wrestling (40259) **10.00** *Boxing* (10018) **11.00** *Golf* (72292) **1.00-1.30am** News (67254)



Montgomery Clift, Olivia De Havilland (Movies Gold, noon)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (4814037) **8.30** Peyton Place (4813308) **9.00** As the World Turns (6786414) **10.00** Guiding Light (2262834) **11.00-12.00** Another World

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Globetrotter (4817124) **12.30pm** Wide World of Kids (5977308) **1.00** Italy (2286414) ***1.30*** *Cooking in America* (5976679) **2.00** Getaway (1738124) **2.30** Europe (9966853) **3.00** *Discover Your World* (1757259) **3.30** Florida! (9979698) **4.00** Travel Guide (9957105) **4.30** Zoolite (9953389) **5.00** Sports Vacations (1729476) **5.30** Around the World (9977969) **6.00** Europe (9967582) **6.30** Independent Travellers (7560747) **7.30** Getaway (9954018) **8.00** Around the World (1716360) **8.30** Travel Guide (1737495) **9.00** Destinations (4243056) **9.30** Independent Travellers (4307037) **10.30** Sports (4827501) **11.00** Globetrotter (4248501) **11.30-12.00** American Adventurer (4904834)

TLC

9.00am Room Service (7451501) **9.30** Delicious (7034766) **10.00** Vet's Life (1198105) ***10.30*** *Frontiers* (7457785) **11.00** Only Human (9936143) **12.00** General Practice (7024389) **1.00pm** Delicious (9947259) **1.30** Room Service (7037853) **2.00** Will It Hurt? (9955308) **2.30** Right or Wrong (7159327) **3.00** Animal Magnetism (9967143) **3.30-4.00** Vet's Life (7154872)

UK GOLD

7.00am *Jossy's Giants* (9917018) **7.30** Neighbours (9929853) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7447308) **8.30** EastEnders (7448679) **9.00** The Bill (7460259) **9.30** The Sullivans (7036124) **10.00** All Creatures Great and Small (9925037) **11.00** Dallas (9938501) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7440495) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7030940) **1.00** EastEnders (9916389) **1.30** The Bill (*7039211*) **2.00** *The Sullivans* (9957766) **2.30** Love Story (7151785) **3.00** Angels (9969501) **3.30** Eldorado (7156230) **4.00** Casualty (65945871) **5.05** Every Second Counts (4120834) **5.45** Are You Being Served? (4446872) **6.25** EastEnders (9294259) **7.00** Eldorado (9851582) **7.30** The Kenny Everett Television Show (7132650) **8.00** Angels (9960230) **8.30** What a Carry On! (9956037) **9.00** *Minder* (*1577414*) **10.00** The Bill (2140485) **10.35** Classic Sport (5020582) ***11.35*** *The Lenny Henry Show* (7695921) **12.15** Dr Who: Planet of Evil (3175322) **12.45am** FILM: Outback (1988): With Jeff Fahey (7323877) **2.20** Shopping

TCC

6.00am *Casper* (32414) **6.30** Garfield (39853) **7.00** Pink Panther (66495) **7.30** Sonic (78230) **8.00** Sweet Valley High (74389) **8.30** Casper (5800056) **8.45** Dinobabies (5898211) **9.00** Tiny TCC (30582) **11.00** Sesame (54650) **12.00** Tiny TCC (40969) **2.00pm** Barney (1259) **2.30** Blinky Bill (1501) **3.00** Sonic (1786) **3.30** Pink Panther (5178) **4.00** California Dreams (2853) **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley High (8037)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Rise and Shine (37308) **9.00** Nick Jr (985143) **12.00** Lunchbox (986495) **3.00pm** Chill Out (907853) **6.00-7.00** Creature *Feature* (65105)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Nature Watch (7140679) **4.30** The Wild (7139563) **5.00** *First Flights* (9939360) **5.30** The X-Planes (7153143) **6.00** Future Quest (9273766) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (8498178) **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (7130292) **8.00** Wonders of Weather (9968872) **8.30** Ultra Science (9954679) **9.00** Submarines (1575056) **10.00** *Fangs! Great White!* (1578143) **11.00** Driving Passions (5380018) **11.30-12.00** Special Forces (1194389)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: The Wild Women of Wongo (1965) (3505650) **1.30pm** The Invisible Man (7031679) **2.00** Danger Man (1186360) **3.00** The Adventures of Robin Hood (9961989) ***3.30*** *The Protectors* (7158698) **4.00** FILM: The Green Man (1957): With Alastair Sim and George Cole (3528501) **5.30** Scotland Yard (7157969) **6.00** Saber of London (7147582) **6.30** UFO (1586679) **7.30** Robin Hood (7134018) **8.00** Space 1999 (1559018) **9.00** The Critic (5305327) **9.30** *It's Garry Shandling's Show* (7045872) ***10.00-12.00*** FILM: Porky's II: The Next Day (1983) (*5396679*)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (7359582) **6.55** Present Yourself **7.00** Living Magazine (92537679) **8.55** Present Yourself **9.00** The Treatment (7411969) **9.30** Kate and Allie (1623476) **10.00** Hearts of Gold (1339389) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (4026583) **11.55** Masterchef (6095650) **12.30pm** Brookside (4455785) **1.05** Best of Kilroy (6856940) **2.00** Agony Hour (*4940037*) **3.00** Magazine (9566308) **4.00** Infatuation UK (8298921) **4.30** *Crosswits* (7155124) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (53566565) **5.30** Bewitched (9218785) **6.00** Esther (9215698) **6.30** Brookside (3992582) **7.05** The Jerry Springer Show (4467056) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (7093834) **8.55** Present Yourself **9.00** FILM: Dollhouse Murders (17113940) **10.50** Entertainment Now (6912327) **11.00-12.00** Dangerous Women (1330018)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Wonder Years (5211) **5.30** The Adventures of Tintin (734292) **6.50** Batman (218501) **6.25** Catchphrase (802124) **7.00** Through the Keyhole (2747) **7.30** My Two Dads (9766) **8.00** The Darling Buds of May (53747) **9.00** The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: The Veiled One (56211) **10.00** Busman's Holiday (78105) **10.30** Moonlighting (47679) **11.30** Batman (26389) **12.00** The Adventures of Tintin (31167) **12.30am** Second Guess (60815) **1.00** Zorro (94322) **1.30** Rhoda (37525) **2.00** Moonlighting (78544) **3.00** Rhoda (14186) **3.30** Zorro (13964) **4.00** The Wonder Years (34457) **4.30-5.00** The Black Stallion (15815)

MTV

6.00am Wideside (24476) **7.30** The Grind (47360) **8.00** 3 from 1 (9814650) **8.15** Wideside (9104679) **9.00** VJ Mana (524679) **12.00** Soul (14495) **1.00pm** Greatest Hits (23143) **2.00** Non-Stop (23292) **3.00** 3 from 1 (5310360) **3.15** Non-Stop (8542872) **3.30** Sports (2476) **4.00** Cinematic (3712650) **4.15** Hanging Out (2749722) **5.00** News **5.15** Hanging Out (5457037) **5.30** Dial MTV (1747) **6.00** Dance (1360) **6.30** Hanging Out (90940) **8.00** Hits (55105) **9.00** Most Wanted (36582) **10.30** Beavis and Butthead (89211) **11.00** News **11.15** Cinematic (103143) **11.30** Aeon Flux (13563) **12.30am** The End? (87051) **1.30** Videos

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (2285785) **9.00** Café (1904259) **12.00** Heart and Soul (5981501) **1.00pm** Vinyl Years (5967921) **2.00** Shane Richie (4918037) **3.00** Into the Music (2542650) **6.00** Boomtown Rats (5987785) **7.00** For You (2409105) **8.00** *Review* (2418853) **9.00** *Human League* (2405389) **10.00** Years (2408476) **11.00** The Boomtown Rats (4238414) **1.00am** Sheryl Crow (5199235) **2.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

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Cardiff and Warrington in talks

Davies plans return to land of his fathers

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE return of Jonathan Davies, Welsh rugby union's most lamented exile, to his former love took a step nearer to reality last night. After prolonged negotiations between Warrington, his rugby league employers, and Cardiff, both sides sought breathing space and will return to the table in a week.

Were Davies, 33 this month and on the eve of leading Wales into rugby league's World Cup, to join Cardiff, it would represent not only a shot in the arm for rugby union, but also the most potent symbol of how close the two codes — whose administrators have spent 100 years at each other's throats — have grown within a month.

Since Davies went north in January 1989, joining Widnes from Llanelli for what was then believed to be a record signing-on fee approaching £250,000, no man has represented more the withdrawal of a nation from rugby union's world stage. That he has been joined by the best part of a full international XV since does not detract from the mystique attached to his name.

However, since the declaration by the International Rugby Football Board, rugby union's governing body, in Paris in August that the game was to go open, a gangway back for rugby league players has been established. Davies, from Trimsaran, has made no secret of his desire to return to South Wales and now the opportunity has been created for him both to live there and play the game at which he won 27 caps as Wales's stand-off half.

Yesterday, he spent two hours in discussion with Gareth Davies, the Cardiff chief executive and one of his predecessors in the Wales No 10 jersey. The point at issue is that Jonathan Davies seeks a package that will give him a career when he retires — part of which could involve media work — and also that Cardiff admit that they cannot buy out his contract with Warrington, that does not conclude until 1997.

Later in the day, Gareth Davies met Graham Armstrong, his opposite number at Warrington, who are in mid-table in the Stones Championship. It is rumoured in rugby league circles that Warrington would not be displeased to save the money that now goes on Jonathan Davies's wages, but the talks, on the day that rugby league's Halifax World Cup was officially launched, reached an impasse.



Davies: dual captain

"We put our cards on the table and told them our ambitions with regard to Jonathan," Gareth Davies said. "The meeting was friendly and amicable, they now know our feelings and are going away to discuss it. The position is that we would like him back in Wales, but they don't want to release him.

"I told them pretty strongly that there is no big money in Wales to buy out rugby league contracts. We can't afford to buy him out. I expect them to come back to me next week and let me know."

However, rugby union, as it has done so often over decades of amateurism, can organise employment to suit an individual. Cardiff are not alone in chasing Davies. Llanelli, one of his former clubs, and Swansea have been in touch and the player said: "I would like to return. At the moment, I am contracted to Warrington, but other people are encouraging me with lots of proposals. It's in other people's hands."

Were the deal to go through, it would represent a tremendous coup for Cardiff, the Heineken League champions, and would assure others — such as Scott Gibbs and Scott Quinnell — that they could do likewise when they were ready. It would also encourage thoughts that the two codes may ultimately merge if players are seen passing comfortably from one to the other.

Speculation that Jonathan Davies, the only man to captain his country at union and league, might yet add to his international rugby union caps in the five nations' championship next year, however, may prove wide of the mark. Capable of playing at stand-off half, centre or full back, he would certainly be a present asset, if not a future investment; first, Cardiff and Warrington must reach agreement before the land of his fathers beckons.



A composed Radlinski, who was named in the England team for their match against Australia on Saturday, faces the media yesterday

England winged by Offiah injury

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

ILLNESS and injury continue to beset the rugby league World Cup hosts. After losing Gary Connolly through pneumonia, England have now been denied the potential match-winning services of Martin Offiah for the opening game, against Australia. John Bentley, of Halifax, who represented England at rugby union in 1988, will fill the left-wing vacancy at Wembley on Saturday.

Offiah's absence is a cruel, but not entirely surprising, setback. He had been declared fit on Monday, yet was unable in training to generate his customary blistering pace because of a persistent calf strain and niggling ankle injury. As Offiah operates best only when his confidence is high, it was felt prudent to allow him time to recover for the tournament's later stages.

Phil Larder, the England coach, is hopeful that Offiah, like Connolly, will play at some stage. "We gave him a very thorough test," he said. "Martin is only at his best when he can go flat out and he wasn't doing that. He'll definitely miss Wembley and the game with Fiji next Wednesday. It's a blow, but I've every confidence in John Bentley."

Larder has been forced to stray a long way from his original plans, but, as with Bentley, Larder also has faith in the ability of Kris Radlinski, 19, to fill in for Connolly at full back. If he is as assured under the high balls that Australia are bound to test him with on Saturday as he was under media scrutiny yesterday, Radlinski will confirm his potential.

"When we had a problem at prop, he told me he'd play there," Larder said. "The lad's very keen. There are no doubts in my mind and he has the respect of all the players."

With three tries and the man-of-the-match award in the Premiership final defeat of Leeds last May, the youngster, of Polish descent, came of age. This season, whether at centre, full back, or popping up on the wing for Wigan, Radlinski has looked the complete article and, if there are any nerves, they hardly show. "You've got to play at Wembley sometime, why not against the Aussies?" he said.

Radlinski acknowledged that, in any team other than Wigan, he would not have flourished so quickly. "There's the players, the great coaching set-up, but also the town's unique position," he said. "I've grown up in Wigan and unlike other places where it's all football, all kids want to play is league for Wigan. You're playing for the best."

In this rarefied atmosphere, Simon Haughton, also 19, has had an even more meteoric rise in the Wigan second row. His place among the substitutes is deliberate. "He's an explosive player, someone who can be injected into the game in the hope of changing the outcome," Larder said.

Chips off the Wigan block, past and present, constitute the bulk of the side, but whereas Andy Platt and Denis Betts have returned from Auckland into their respective prop and second-row positions, Phil Clarke finds himself pushed up alongside Betts by the outstanding form shown by Andy Farrell, his successor at loose forward at Wigan.

Barrie-Jon Mather takes up what might well have been Radlinski's original position at centre in the series of enforced changes to the back line.

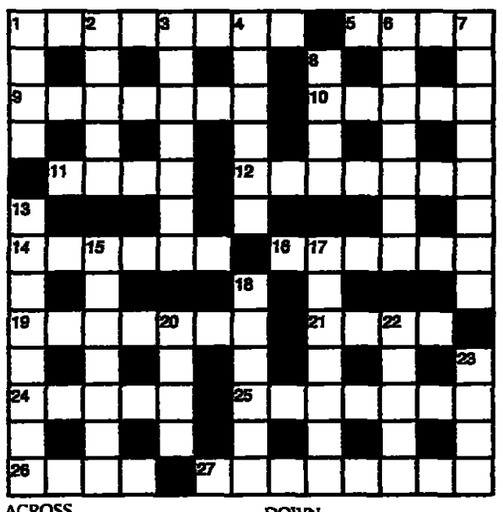
Australia, who name their team today, have their own injury concerns, but Geoff Toovey is expected to shake off neck and shoulder injuries. New Zealand have named two uncapped players, Stacy Jones and Richard Barnett, on the wing for their opening group game, against Tonga on Sunday.

ENGLAND (v Australia at Wembley, Saturday): K Radlinski (Wigan); J Robinson (Wigan), B-J Mather (Wigan), P Newlove (Bradford), J Bentley (Halifax); D Powell (Keighley), S Edwards (Wigan, capt); K Harrison (Halifax), L Jackson (Newcastle), A Platt (Auckland), D Betts (Auckland), P Clarke (Sydney City), A Farrell (Wigan). Subs: S Goulding (St Helens), N Pinkney (Keighley), C Joynt (St Helens), S Haughton (Wigan).
NEW ZEALAND (v Tonga at Warrington, Sunday): M Ridge (Manly, capt); S Hoppe (Auckland), R Blackmore (Auckland), R Wiki (Canberra), R Barnett (Cronulla); G Ngamu (Auckland), S Jones (Auckland); O Pongia (Canberra), S Eru (Auckland), J Lowrie (Sydney C), T Iro (Sydney C), S Kearney (Auckland), T Kemp (Leeds). Subs: H Paul (Wigan), H Cheserie (Auckland), K Iro (Leeds), M Horo (Sydney W).

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United must bolster defence to sustain Premiership challenge

Peter Ball believes that Alex Ferguson needs to dip into the transfer market

WHILE York City were yesterday still celebrating their aggregate victory over the biggest club in the land, Manchester United had the traditional comfort of teams making an early cup exit — the knowledge that they can now concentrate their energies on the league.

"It may be a blessing in disguise," Alex Ferguson, the United manager said, clutching around for a straw. "The first year we won the championship we went out of the cups early, and so did Blackburn last year."

However, United's Coca-Cola Cup reverse on Tuesday night, their second cup exit in eight days, brought a worryingly familiar refrain from Ferguson, who blamed "carelessness" for his team's demise. He had a point. United had done the hard work, a blistering opening producing stunning goals for Scholes and Cooke to reduce the deficit to only one goal with 77 minutes remaining.

At that stage, United looked certain to overturn York's first-leg advantage with something to spare. Instead, they relaxed. "They blitzed us, didn't they?" Alan Little, the York manager, said. "I was surprised by how direct they were to start with, but once they had got those two goals, they seemed to settle back and play it around more." Even so, the chances continued to come, but poor finishing at one end — primarily from Andy Cole — and sloppiness at the other ended United's hopes.

There were some consolations for Ferguson, with Cantona getting another match under his belt. He resumed his partnership with Giggs with evident relish and has struck up a promising understanding with Scholes.

The failures in front of goal may be annoying for Ferguson in the short term — the game was United's only win in their last five matches — but Cole's fortune will surely change soon and Scholes, who claimed two goals at York, Giggs and Cantona himself still look full of goals.

The worry for Ferguson lies at the other end. Defensive errors were at the heart of the problem against Rotor Volgograd in the Uefa Cup and, on Tuesday night, it was the goal from York that tilted the tie against United.

There may be excuses, with Irwin missing in recent matches, and the defensive shield in front of the back four also under strength, with Butt injured and Keane restricted to 35 minutes by the stomach muscle problem that is likely to rule him out of Ireland's crucial match against Latvia on Wednesday, but this season, of the senior defenders, only Schmeichel has performed consistently. The easy answer is to point to Steve Bruce's birth certificate and suggest that the captain is past his best. However, at York, not for the first time recently, Pallister looked the more vulnerable.

At least this week's financial news left no doubt, if any existed, that Ferguson has the finances to put the matter right, with £8 million said to be available.

"The financial results don't change anything," Ferguson said. "We've always known we've had the money and we've been looking at a lot of situations regarding bringing new players in. We would certainly move if the right one came up. We'll keep assessing the situation. We are busy all the time in that department."

In pre-season, Ferguson was concentrating on filling the gap left by Andrei Kanchelskis, with attempts to buy Darren Anderton and Marc Overmars. The signing of Ruel Fox by Tottenham Hotspur could open the way for another bid for Anderton, although Ferguson insisted that the cup exits make the need for reinforcements less pressing.

"In one way, the cup exits ease the situation," he said. "We don't enjoy losing, but with just league games to concentrate on now until the new year, there isn't the same drain on our resources."

By then, United's prospects in the FA Carling Premiership will be defined. In the meantime, Ferguson may decide that he has other priorities, with the defence needing his attention. Defenders come cheaper than forwards, too.

Tottenham finalise £4m signing of Fox

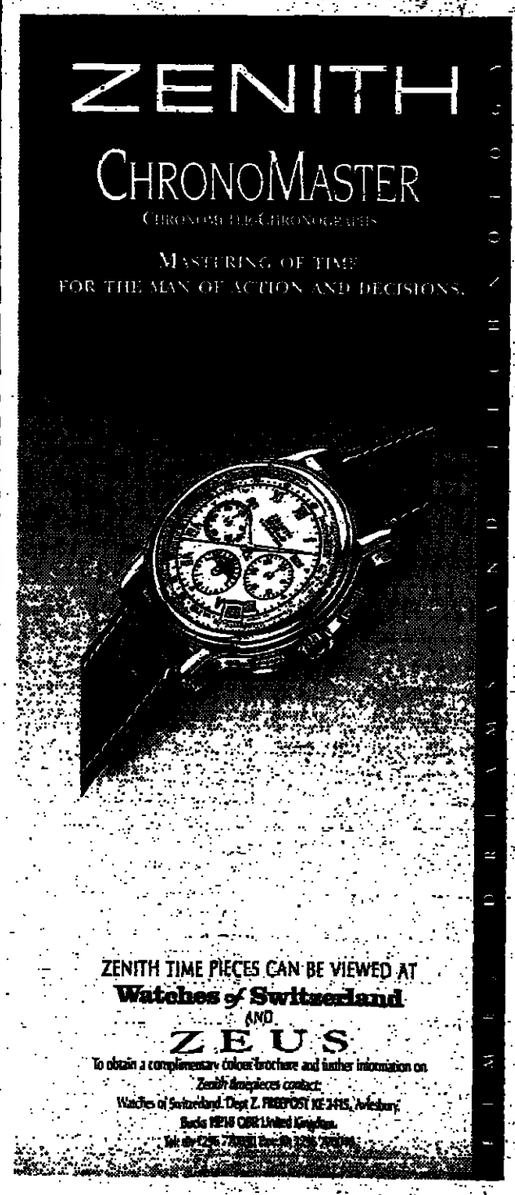
RUEL FOX yesterday joined Tottenham Hotspur from Newcastle United for a fee of £4.2 million. Fox watched Tottenham beat Wimbledon on Saturday, a result that gave them their fifth win in a row and their best run for three years. His registration documents were only approved by the FA Premier League yesterday, however.

"There was no hurry as Ruel could not play in our Coca-Cola Cup-tie at Chester and we don't have a league game until Saturday week," Gerry Francis, the Tottenham manager said.

Francis, who is understood to have had a £7 million transfer fund available to him, has bid for at least a dozen players and visited six countries in his search of new blood at White Hart Lane. "Ruel is just what we need," he said. "He's a quality player capable of playing on either flank or down the middle. Ruel proved his capabilities last season when he hit ten goals in 40 league games to finish only a couple behind Newcastle's leading scorer, Peter Beardsley."

Fox, 27, is expected to make his Tottenham debut at home to Nottingham Forest on Saturday week. The Ipswich-born player was on the verge of England honours after playing a leading role as Norwich City finished third in the FA Carling Premiership in 1993 and enjoyed a Uefa Cup run.

He saw his £2.25 million move to Newcastle in February last year as a stepping stone to full international recognition, but it did not came about and he will now be hoping to press his claims once more at White Hart Lane.



Hattersley accuses leaders of wanting two-tier education

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour leadership came under attack yesterday from Roy Hattersley, who condemned the party's decision not to abolish grant-maintained schools.

The former deputy Labour leader clashed with David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, during a bitter conference debate over the party's education policy.

Mr Hattersley accused Labour of preserving a two-tier system. Mr Blunkett told him to beware of scoring "an own goal" that would help the Tories. But Mr Hattersley struck a chord with many delegates still furious at Tony Blair's decision to send his son to a grant-maintained school.

Mr Hattersley was loudly cheered and won a standing ovation after he described the party's intention to keep opted-out schools as "absolutely beyond understanding". He declared that Labour's policy document *Diversity and Excellence* should have promised to abolish grant-maintained schools and to establish a unified system of comprehensive education.

Instead the party had dreamt up a new system of foundation schools that were merely a different version of opt-out schools. "The proposed foundation schools offer grant-maintained schools the chance to be different, the chance to pose as superior and the chance to obtain extra finance from one source or another," Mr Hattersley said. "If these are not a lifeline for the GM schools, perhaps someone will tell me what they are for."



Blunkett: beware of scoring an "own goal"

Opt-out schools were the great failure of the Tory Government, he said. "To prop up this scheme seems to be absolutely beyond understanding."

He urged Mr Blunkett to promise a drive against grammar schools, to promise extra money for special-needs education and to end the "curse" of social selection by banning pre-entry interviews at secondary schools. "And for God's sake, let us stop apologising about comprehensive schools," he said.

Mr Blunkett hit back angrily, accusing Mr Hattersley of playing into the Tories' hands. "When socialists fall out, it's the Tories who rejoice. We know that the team who kicks into its own goal loses the match."

He also chided Mr Hattersley over his failure to include the abolition of selection by 11-plus in party policy. "When you were deputy leader you didn't make that pledge in your election manifesto. Those who didn't come up with solutions shouldn't turn on those who have."

In a bizarre reversal of past roles, Mr Blunkett, once an ally of the Left, took on Mr Hattersley, a former rightwinger who is one of Tony Blair's most damaging critics. Mr Hattersley has criticised the leadership at two fringe meetings in Brighton this week. But delegates overwhelmingly backed the party's policy paper after Mr Blunkett reassured them that under Labour, grant-maintained schools would lose many of their benefits.

Although constituency parties were evenly divided, the union block vote swung behind the Labour leadership defeating a rebel motion against the proposals by 76.4 per cent.

Mr Blunkett gave little encouragement to schools now considering opting out of local authority control, warning them that there would be no extra benefits. "I want to say to those contemplating becoming grant-maintained that there is no road to be trod. This route is a fruitless one. All extra funding, double counting and extra capital will cease under a Labour government."

He also emphasised that no selection would be allowed on either academic or social grounds, a point raised by Mr Hattersley in his attack. "There will be no selection either by examination or interview," Mr Blunkett said.

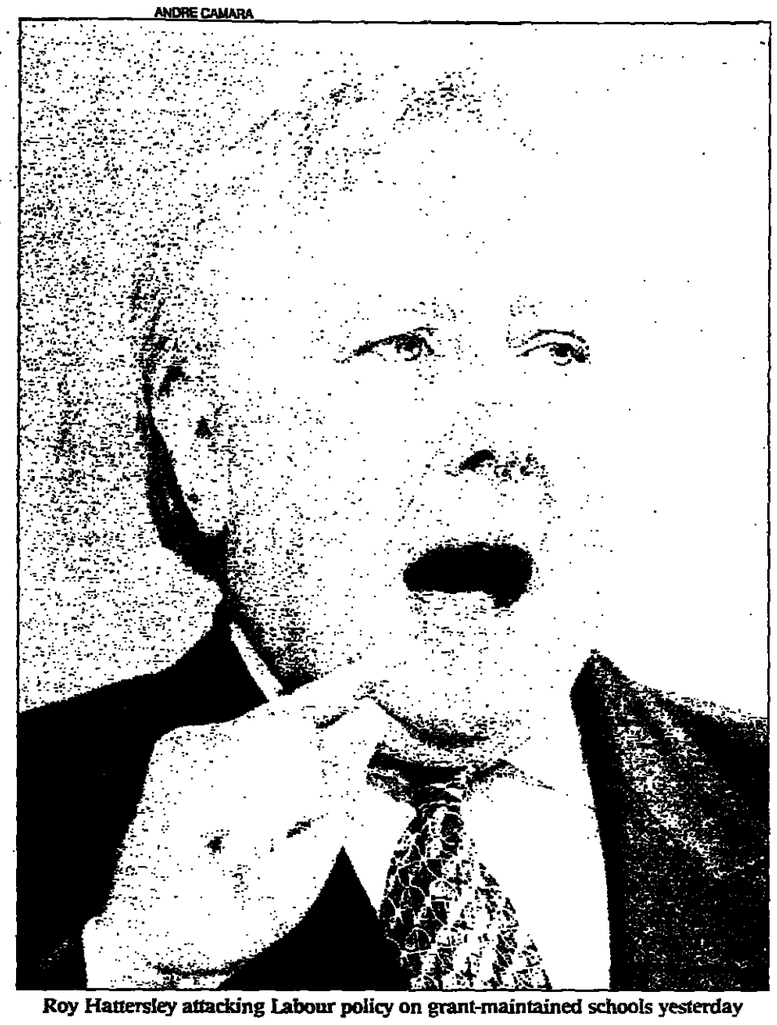
He later made clear, however, that selection would still be allowed on religious grounds. He said that the London Oratory, attended by Mr Blair's son, would still be able to interview parents about their children's religious faith.

Earlier Maggie Rosher, a delegate from Coventry North East, challenged both Mr Blair and Harriet Harman, Labour's employment spokeswoman, over their decision to send their children to opted out schools. She said: "Have you any idea of the sense of betrayal people like me, who have spent 40 years in the profession and a damn sight longer in the Labour Party, felt at them preferring a GM school?"

Nigel Mason, of Islington North, said: "There can be no fudge, no compromise . . . We will not accept the idea of foundation schools."

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ANDRE CAMARA



Roy Hattersley attacking Labour policy on grant-maintained schools yesterday

Blunkett wins the day but battle will rage on

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

A SKILFUL fudge enabled Tony Blair and David Blunkett to negotiate one of the hottest issues in Labour politics yesterday.

But the creation of foundation schools — a half-way house for grant-maintained schools — will not satisfy the supporters of opting out because local authorities will have the final say on admissions policies. And the refusal to return the schools to town hall control still rankles with party activists. Many have fought local battles over opting out, and will not moderate their opposition now. Ministers have made political capital from some of the tactics used to win over parents, and can be expected to redouble their efforts before the election.

Mr Blair's opponents saw the decision to send his son to a grant-maintained school as a betrayal and the precursor to a sell-out. The rapturous reception given to Roy Hattersley, the former deputy leader, in yesterday's debate suggested that few have been mollified by the commitment to level funding and the appointment of local authority governors in foundation schools.

Labour leaders have struggled to hold the party together over opting out since the last election. Jack Straw, as Shadow Education Secretary, tried to broker a compromise in 1992, persuading councillors to work with grant-maintained schools, but Anne Taylor, his successor, soon returned to hard-line opposition.

Mr Blunkett's carefully worded promise to place all schools within a "local democratic framework" presaged months of consultation with local authorities and GM schools. The result was *Diversity and Excellence*, the policy published in June and endorsed yesterday.

Under the plans, grant-maintained status would be abolished, but the new foundation schools would continue to own their premises and employ staff. The schools would retain their funding advantages for a period, but admissions policies and the planning of school places would revert to local authority control, subject to independent appeals. Labour local authority leaders have accepted the formula, believing that few parents will see advantage in foundation status. The rate of opting out has slowed in recent months, and incentives announced by the Prime Minister last month are likely to encourage only a small recovery.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, accused Labour of "fudge, hypocrisy and class envy", effectively abolishing grant-maintained schools by taking away their independence.

Blair and Major: two leaders with much in common

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Tony Blair and John Major are not only fighting for the same ground. They are also using the same language and images. On re-reading Mr Blair's speech yesterday, something in his words struck me as familiar. His emphasis on patriotism and national renewal, even his reference to the VJ-Day ceremonies, has many echoes in Mr Major's interview with *The Times* six weeks ago — and has parallels with what the Prime Minister is planning to say in Blackpool at the end of next week. Neither leader may enjoy the comparison, but they understand it since both sense a shift in the national mood.

Both unashamedly talk about patriotism, but in "one nation" terms very different from Baroness Thatcher's frequent evocation of Churchill. They identify with the mood of the thousands of people watching the VJ Day events. The two leaders' impressions differed. What struck Mr Blair was the number of people holding their Union Jacks who shouted "get the Tories" out. This, he claimed, showed how Labour was the patriotic party "because it is the people's party". For Mr Major, what was memorable was the spirit of the young people who would not be found wanting if a similar national sacrifice was needed. "It also reminded me that, in our usual quiet, understated way, we should never feel embarassed about being proud of this country."

Mr Major, no less than Mr Blair, believes that the nation is at a turning point — that Thatcherism is dead and a new direction is necessary. Mr Major has spent much of his nearly five years in Downing Street trying to escape the shadow of his predecessor. Now, after his re-election as leader, he feels free. In his interview, he said: "What we need now is a national mood change." Mr Blair talked on Tuesday about a "new politics" and a "young" country — an elusive concept suggesting some recently decolonalised Third World nation.

For Mr Major, there is now an opportunity to build upon the best economic prospects for more than a generation since Britain may have broken the inflationary psychology of the past two decades. But to sustain these improvements requires a general awareness of the importance of open and de-regulated markets. Mr Blair recognises this economic pressure, but argues that a change in social and political priorities is required. The balance has swung too much against public services and left too many people behind.

Their contrasting personalities are reflected in their differing prescriptions. Mr Major is the more prosaic, a conversationalist rather than an orator; a manager, rather than a crusader. For him, political choices are about the harsh realities of international competition and of dealing with the everyday pressures of government. Mr Blair is more of a preacher and a moralist. He has visions and dreams. He uses biblical images and emphasises the moral importance of the family in language which not only caused much muttering among some Labour MPs but might a few years ago have been regarded as controversial if expressed by a Tory minister. His quest is national renewal: "Let us rouse ourselves to a new moral purpose for our nation."

Mr Major has the harder task. It is more difficult to change gear in government, especially after 16 years in office. His appeals to a new national mood can sound hollow when compared with the Tories' record. Labour's media strategists believe Mr Blair can exploit the "time for a change" mood and couch it in the language of patriotism and youth. On Tuesday, he directly confronted the flag-waving at Tory conference with his comment about spending "16 years tearing apart the fabric of our nation". I wonder, however, if the Kennedyesque images and moralism may play better with the middle-aged than the young. Mr Major's rhetoric next week is likely to be less high-flown. The long pre-election campaign is likely to be a contest between Mr Major's realism and Mr Blair's moralism.

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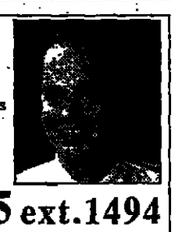
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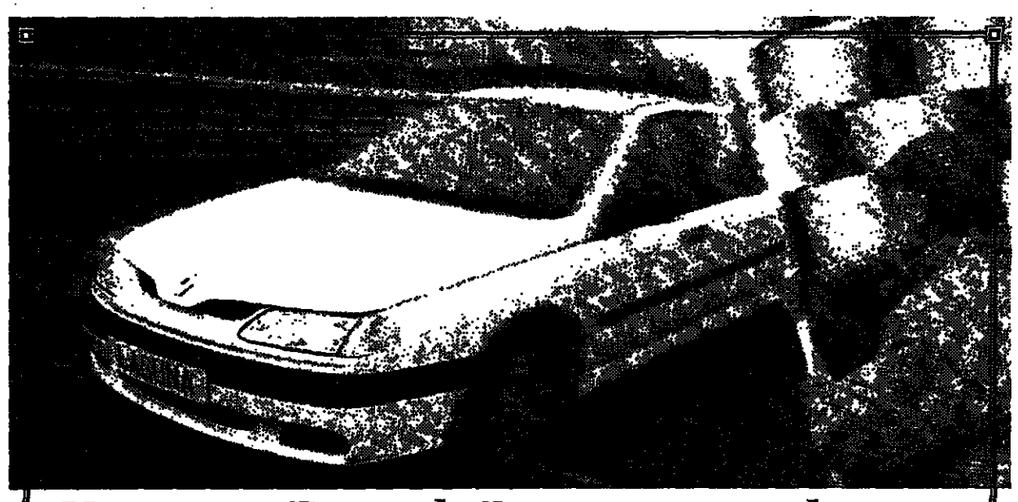
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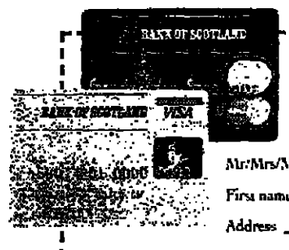
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Airport noise threatens Keating re-election bid

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

AIRCRAFT noise has become a big political headache for Paul Keating, the Australian Prime Minister, as he prepares to go to the polls for the second time.

The question of what to do about the noise from planes landing in Sydney is quickly becoming the single most important election issue in what is expected to be a fiercely fought battle between Mr Keating's Labor Government and the coalition Opposition.

The fledgeling No Aircraft Noise Party, set up eight months ago, already has two elected mayors in Sydney and has staged a number of blockades, causing chaos at the airport.

While there have long been complaints about the noise, the problems really began last November when the Government opened a new parallel runway at the city's Kingsford-Smith airport and closed the east-west cross runway. The result was a dramatic shift in noise pollution, which placed key marginal seats in Sydney's more prosperous, and highly vocal, neighbourhoods directly under the flight path for the first time.

The Government introduced a A$280 million (£133 million) compensation package to insulate about 4,200 homes and compulsorily purchase 112 of the worst affected properties. However, the problem has touched a raw nerve among voters and is not going to be solved easily.



Keating: polls show loss of blue-collar support

As Mr Keating and John Howard, the Opposition leader, come up with increasingly elaborate schemes to ensure their marginal seats are not under the flight path, the issue is becoming more intractable by the day.

Reopening the east-west runway, which is Mr Howard's solution, would transfer the noise to other suburbs, as well as sparking fears about the safety of interconnecting runways.

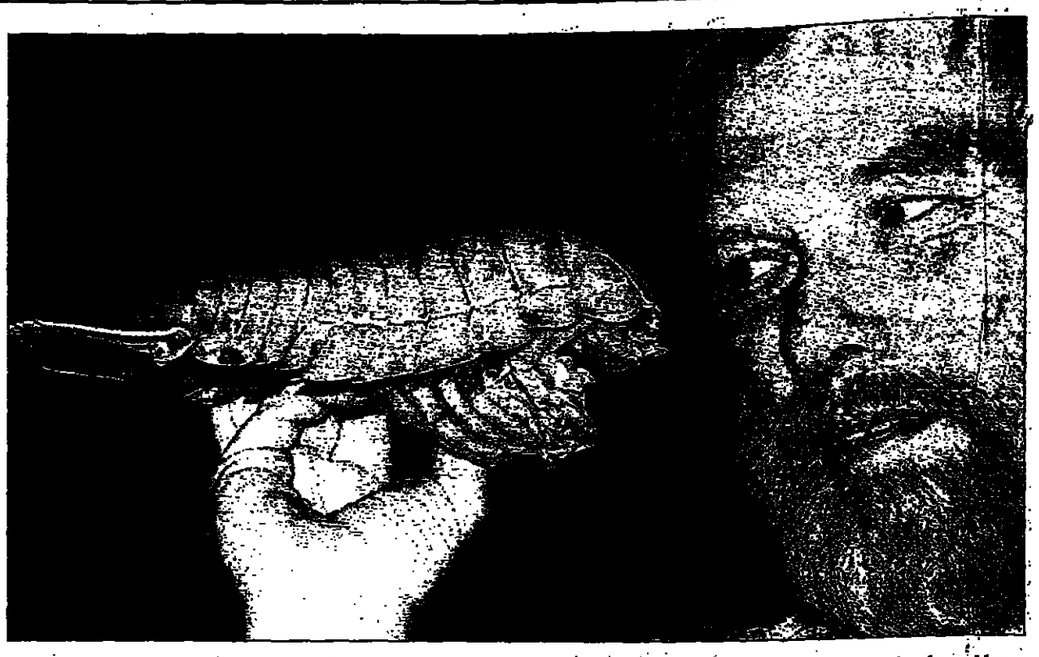
Transferring flights to Sydney's planned second airport at Badgery's Creek will not be an option for several years. Mr Howard has promised to transfer all international flights there.

The row seems likely to derail the Government's planned A$2 billion privatisation of the country's 23 airports, with Mr Howard threatening to block the relevant law unless the east-west runway is reopened. Laurie Brereton, the Transport Minister, has described his threat as "a gross act of political lunacy", warning that any delay to the sale could scare off international bidders for the airports. They include BAA, the British airport operator.

The Government had planned to sell the four biggest airports — Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Brisbane — by the middle of next year, with the remaining ones to be sold in 1997. Without the money from the sale, the Government's budget will slide back into deficit from the A$718 million surplus that it announced in May.

This week, a poll showed that Labor had lost 25 per cent of its blue-collar support since gaining power in 1983 — and half of it since the 1993 federal election.

Mr Keating has until May to call an election, although there are signs that both sides may be gearing up for a pre-Christmas battle.



'Big Boy' rules the deep

A newly discovered species of *Bathynomus* sea louse, "Big Boy", is displayed yesterday in Sydney by Dr Jim Lowry, a crustacean expert. The creature is a sludge-dwelling scavenger that has survived undetected for 80 million years and rules the roost in the murky depths of the Pacific Ocean off Australia's east coast. "Big Boy" grows to 12in and lives more than 3,000ft down. Dr Lowry, principal research scientist at the Australian Museum, said: "We don't know yet whether they are predators, but we know they are scavengers and voracious eaters. One even bit my hand." Two similar, but smaller species, "Wide Boy" and "Mono Brow", have also been discovered. Dr Lowry is co-ordinating a four-year study of scavenging marine animals, and has set traps from Cairns to Tasmania. "We have found more than 200 species of marine invertebrates, more than 120 of which are unknown." *Bathynomus* is related to the Balmain Bug, a tasty shellfish, but is not meaty enough to be good eating. *(AFP)*

Tokyo cult leader said to have made gas confession

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

SHOKO ASAHARA, leader of the Aum Shinrikyo sect, has admitted to ordering nerve-gas attacks on the Tokyo underground that killed 11 people, the NHK public television reported yesterday.

Last night the Kyodo news agency quoted the doomsday cult guru's lawyer as saying police interrogators forced the confession on Mr Asahara by threatening to invoke a draconian law against subversive activities and have the sect outlawed. Tokyo police said they had no information on the reports.

"The senior sect leaders undertook the series of acts on my orders," NHK quoted Mr Asahara as telling his interrogators. NHK did not say which other specific cases he was referring to. Kyodo quoted the guru's lawyer, Shoji Yokoyama, as saying: "The confession was forced and so does not have any value as evidence in court."

The Japanese media have often based their crime reporting on police briefings and sources without saying so, especially in coverage of the bewildering array of cases blamed on the 10,000-member Aum Shinrikyo (Supreme Truth) sect. Most briefings are not open to the foreign media.

Mr Asahara was arrested on May 16 at his hiding place in the cult's complex at Kamiku Isshiki, a village at the foot of Mount Fuji west of Tokyo. He has spent more than four months in detention and is scheduled to face his first trials on October 26. He is charged with murder and attempted murder, stemming from the subway attack in March.

If Mr Asahara repeats his reported confession in court, the trial would end in a matter of months, not years as predicted. It is up to the presiding judge to accept or refuse affidavits based on police interrogation as evidence.

Mr Asahara faces a mountain of other material evidence on the nerve-gas cases and reported confessions by other senior Aum leaders, most of whom are reported to have told police that Mr Asahara ordered the attacks and other crimes. If convicted, the maximum penalty is death by hanging.



Asahara: confession forced, lawyer says

Besides the criminal proceedings against Mr Asahara and individual cult members, the Japanese Government has been considering two possible ways to disband the cult.

The milder form of disbandment comes under the Religious Institute Act, a court order denying the sect its legal status. The group's assets would be confiscated and would no longer be exempt from taxes, but the group can still carry out activities.

This process could take up to ten years before the order becomes final in Japan's snail-paced judiciary system. The other, tough method is to lay subversion charges against the group to outlaw it.

Last week Tomoharu Tazawa, the Justice Minister, said his ministry was in the last steps of launching a process that would outlaw the group's activities, including any meetings and publication of periodicals, under the Subversive Activities Prevention Law.

Tomiichi Murayama, the Prime Minister, said this week that the ministry should be cautious if invoking the 1952 Act, which has never been used against a group out of fear it would violate the constitutional freedoms of speech, assembly and press.

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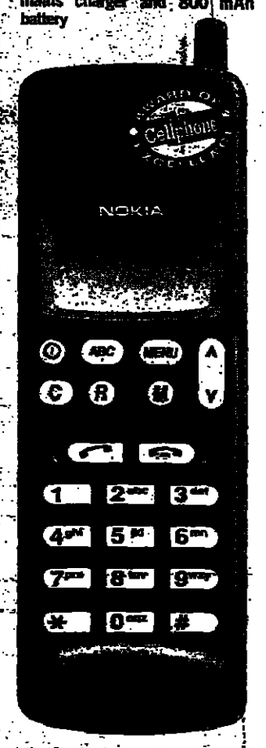
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Wife of jailed Abiola defies military regime's watchdogs

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN LAGOS

A LONE police car, parked near 5-7 Moshood Abiola Crescent, monitors the comings and goings at one of Lagos's most famous addresses around the clock. Nigeria's best-known opposition figure may be under lock and key hundreds of miles away, but the paranoid military leaders keep a watchful eye on his family and friends.

The high-walled mansion in the Ikeja district with two swimming pools, innumerable bedrooms and a dining room the size of a cruise ship has a ghostly feel. Chief Moshood Abiola's face beams out from life-size photographs in the airy corridors and prominently displayed freedom awards indicate his international stature. For his three official wives — there are said to be many more — and the gaggle of children and friends who live at the address, life has been turned upside down.

Elegantly attired in a traditional head wrap and matching dress, Kudirat, 44, became the chief's senior wife three years ago. These days, the mother of six says, she also lives like a prisoner: visiting friends and supporters are seized and threatened by police, she never ventures out after dark for fear of assassination, and three months ago the household's ten telephone lines were cut off.

The former businesswoman has emerged as the voice of her multi-millionaire husband, who has been silenced. He has been under house arrest in Abuja, the capital, since he was charged with treason for declaring himself President after the 1993 election, which he was widely believed to have won, was annulled by the military.

> "This regime is devilish and I sometimes wonder how can they do such things to their own brothers and sisters?"

She has battled in vain for him to gain access to television, radio and newspapers, protested against his maltreatment and highlighted his deteriorating health. On her last visit almost a year ago, he cracked his spine during a tussle with his guards and the family doctor, who has been refused access for several months, reported this year that Chief Abiola is finding it difficult to walk or see.

This week's speech by General Sani Abacha, Nigeria's military ruler, was a blow to those who hope for the chief's release. General Abacha set out a detailed plan for a return to civilian rule but said Chief Abiola was not a political prisoner and his case was judicial.

Kudirat pointed out that the Government has refused to abide by three court rulings granting him freedom and she has urged the international community to impose heavy sanctions on the Abacha regime. Some Western diplomats said they would accept no transitional arrangements without the release of Chief Abiola. "This regime is devilish and I sometimes wonder," Kudirat said, "how can they do such things to their own brothers and sisters?"

It is a question many want answered. Since General Abacha seized power in a bloodless coup nearly two years ago the present regime has defeated trade unions, tortured journalists and human rights activists and cowed critics. In July, the Nigerian military regime shifted its focus from the fate of General Olusegun Obasanjo, the former head of state, and other convicted coup plotters, to cracking down on human rights activists. Among those detained was Dr Beko Ransome-Kuti, the chairman of a human rights group campaigning for democracy, who has reportedly been subjected to electric shocks.

Another leading dissident, Ken Saro-Wiwa, 53, began a hunger strike last month to protest against his inhuman conditions. The writer is being held in chains at a secret location.

In Lagos, a handful of lawyers, journalists and others risk their lives by monitoring the Government's crimes and speaking out against it. Gani Fawehinmi, one of the few leading opposition politicians locked behind bars has been detained 24 times, jailed twice and saw his son and two bodyguards shot and badly injured.

☐ **Plan rejected:** The National Democratic Coalition, Nigeria's main opposition, yesterday rejected General Abacha's plan for a return to civil rule and called for an immediate handover. *(Reuter)*



Chief Moshood Abiola, still in prison and finding it hard to walk or see

Dhaka aims for one-child families

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DHAKA

BANGLADESH, one of the world's most crowded countries, is preparing to launch a campaign for one-child families after the remarkable success of a 20-year drive to reduce the population.

The move will make Bangladesh the only democratic country to set such a target. Average family sizes have fallen from a peak of nearly seven children in the 1970s to just under three, making them among the lowest in Asia.

The Family Planning Association of Bangladesh, financed mostly by overseas donors, has overcome resistance from all but a hardcore of Islamic clergymen. In two decades the use of contraceptives by Bangladeshi couples has risen from almost nil to nearly 50 per cent. The association says the country is about to set up a condom factory.

The population of 119 million, while continuing to rise at present, is expected to level off at about 200 million in 30 years' time.

Pope champions UN as he begins fourth US visit

BY PHILIP PULLELLA ON BOARD THE PAPAL FLIGHT

THE Pope flew to the United States yesterday, calling for strong support for the United Nations, where he is scheduled to deliver a key speech.

Looking in good form, the Pope answered questions from accompanying reporters for about 15 minutes on the Alitalia aircraft taking him to Newark, New Jersey. He was due to meet President Clinton privately after his arrival and address the General Assembly in New York today.

The Pope, 75, said it was important to him personally to visit the UN in its fiftieth anniversary year because of the organisation's importance in defending human rights and attempting to keep nations together. He said: "One speaks much about the crisis of the UN, but even if it is in crisis it must be safeguarded because it is worth having this world, international institution, this family of nations. It is important for nations to have a family and not live alone as orphans."

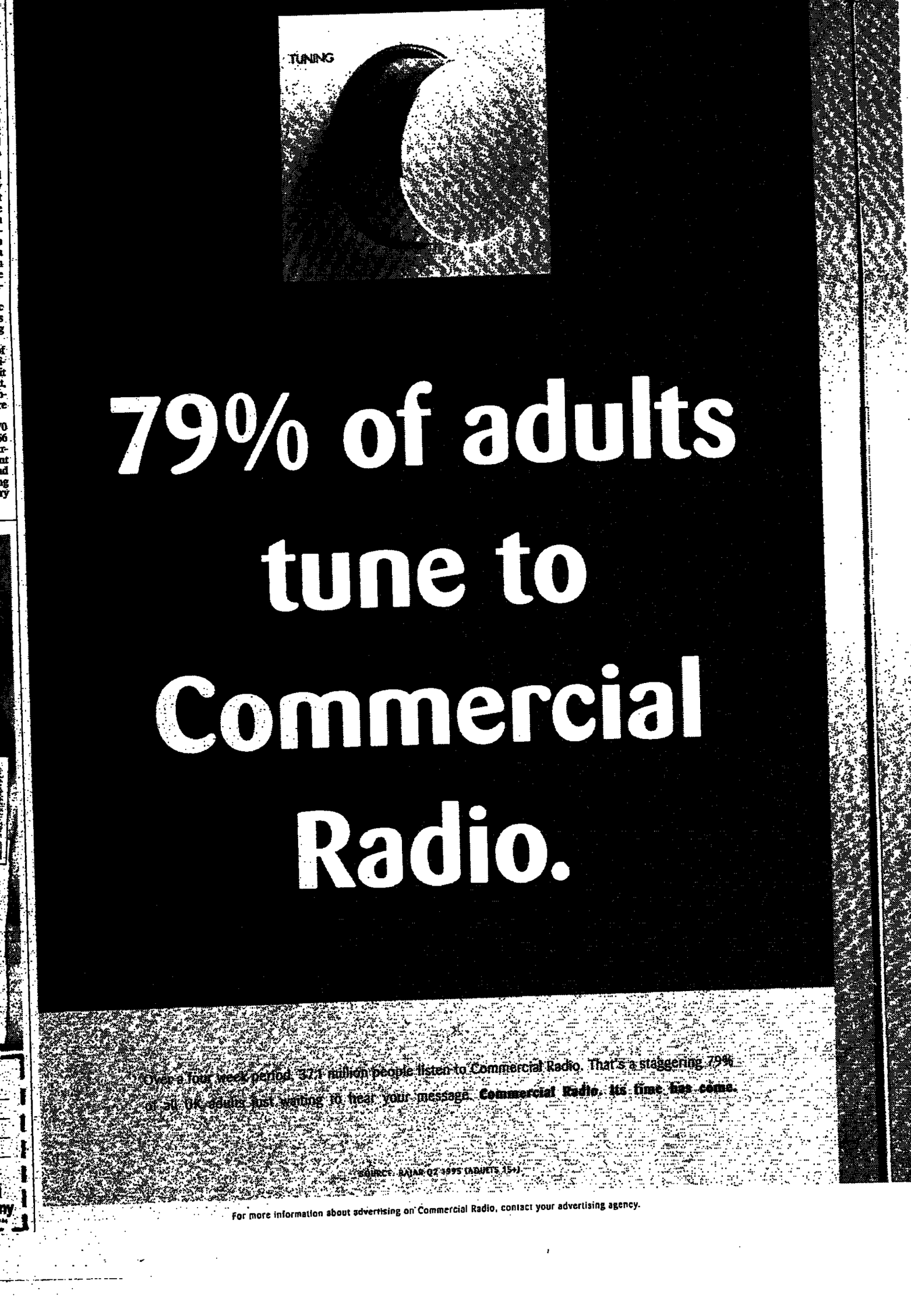
The four-day visit to New Jersey, New York and Baltimore is his fourth to America and his 68th trip abroad in 17 years as pontiff. Joaquin Navarro-Valls, the Vatican's chief spokesman, said he expected the Pope and Mr Clinton to discuss the international situation, including former Yugoslavia, and possibly Cuba. Washington has maintained a trade embargo against Havana for the past 33 years and opposes normalities unless President Castro liberalises his rule.

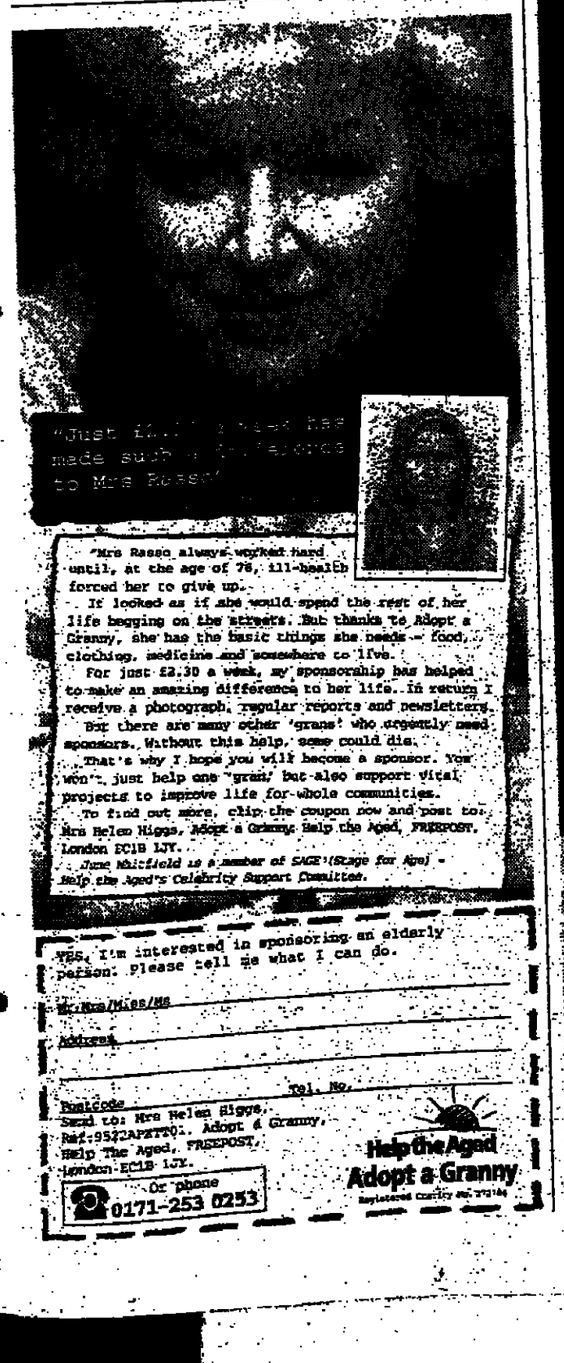
The Communist-governed Caribbean island is the only country in Latin America that the Pope has not visited. He said conditions for the Roman Catholic Church had improved but gave no indication that he would go to Cuba soon. "We have no invitation from the Government. We just have one from the bishops," he said.

Cuba's Roman Catholic Church has denied reports that the Pope was holding talks with Señor Castro.

Despite the certainty of large adoring crowds, American Catholics have made it clear in opinion polls that, while they love the messenger, they do not always care for the message.

Recent polls show that 70 per cent of the country's 56 million Catholics want a married priesthood, 60 per cent want women as priests, and 69 per cent favour allowing divorced Catholics to marry in the church. *(Reuter)*





Les Affreux 'surrender to French' in Comoros

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

AN ATTEMPT by 600 French troops to end the week-old coup led by Colonel Bob Dénard, a French mercenary, against the Government of the Comoros Islands appeared to be close to success last night.

The French Government announced that Colonel Dénard, outnumbered and outgunned, had surrendered, a week after he and his men seized power in the former French colony in the Indian Ocean and abducted President Djohar.

The colonel, a veteran of public relations as well as foreign wars, was still insisting last night, however, that he had not laid down his arms. "We are still at the same point, we are still negotiating. I have not surrendered . . . we will see what happens tomorrow," Colonel Dénard, 66, told journalists at his military camp at Kandani, north of the capital, Moroni.

At least three men were killed and several others, including two French journalists, were wounded during a gun battle between Colonel Dénard's motley array of mercenaries and Comorean troops, and the French special forces who landed by helicopter shortly before dawn.

General Raymond Germanos, the secretary to Charles Millon, the French Defence Minister, announced late yesterday that France's most infamous "dog of war" had surrendered and had agreed to release the 80-year-old President. He said that the colonel would "be brought to France to be tried".

Initially, Colonel Dénard declared there was "no question of laying down our arms", but as the French forces gained control he told a French radio interviewer he was negotiating his surrender.

While Operation Azalea, the attempt to remove him, was in progress, the mercenary told reporters that he took full responsibility for the coup and explained that the decision to depose the President involved "a debt of honour". The colonel added loftily: "You wouldn't understand."

The French Foreign Ministry ruled out any form of deal. The colonel has already been given a five-year suspended sentence in France for his part in a failed coup in Benin in 1977, and there is a warrant for his arrest in connection with the assassination of President Abdallah of the Comoros in 1989. "M Dénard had no right to leave French soil," the Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Colonel Dénard has long been a key player in Comorean politics, which declared its independence in 1975. Throughout the 1980s he and his followers, known as "Les Affreux" or "The Monsters", acted as the country's de facto rulers. The flamboyant mercenary said that he was "disgusted" with France's decision to intervene in the Comoros, and described the invading French forces as his "brothers in arms" — a clear reference to his long and dubious links with the French military establishment.

Over the years Colonel Dénard has seen mercenary action in Yemen, Gabon and Biafra, and in 1993 French military, diplomatic and defence chiefs admitted that the State had backed or approved most of his exploits.

"The French forces intervened at midnight, French time, in response to an appeal from the Comorean Prime Minister [Caambi el-Yachourtu]," Hervé de Charette, the French Foreign Minister, said.

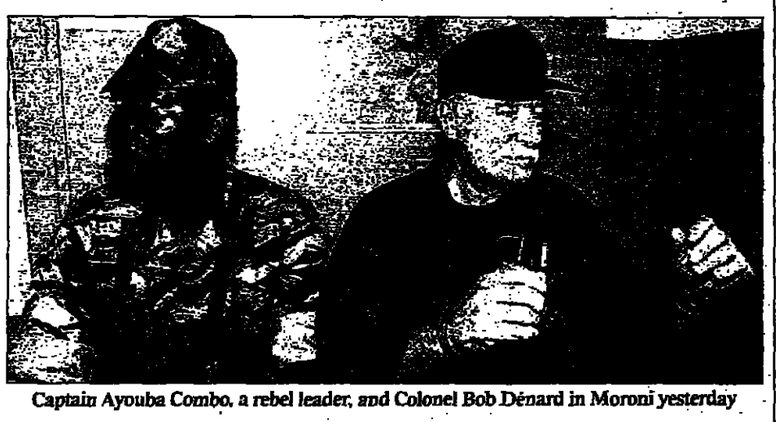
The Prime Minister, who has been trapped in the French Embassy since the coup, announced yesterday that he was taking over as interim head of state until President Djohar was freed.

The French military operation to capture Colonel Dénard was justified under the terms of a 1978 defence agreement between France and the Comoros allowing French intervention in the event of external aggression.

Photograph, page 24



French Marines take up position yesterday outside Moroni International Airport in an attempt to retake control of the Comoros Islands



Captain Ayouba Combo, a rebel leader, and Colonel Bob Dénard in Moroni yesterday

Juppé orders staff to stop buying satirical weekly

BY BEN MACINTYRE

THE embattled French Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, has moved to silence his harshest critics by banning all ministerial staff from buying copies of *Le Canard Enchaine*, the weekly satirical newspaper and France's equivalent of *Private Eye*.

Le Canard has heaped ridicule on the Prime Minister in recent months and was the first to publish highly damaging allegations that M Juppé, as Deputy Mayor of Paris, used his influence to reduce the rent on his son's apartment.

M Juppé, it appears, finally ran out of patience with criticism that he considered "petty, miserable and mean", and last week his private secretary issued an order instructing all offices under prime ministerial authority "not to buy a single copy" of the paper and not to renew their subscriptions. When some functionaries expressed astonishment at the ban, the word from above was terse: "That is an order!"

The Prime Minister's information office confirmed that instructions had gone out to staff to cease purchasing the publication immediately, although other sources at Hôtel Mâtignon, the Prime Minister's office, insisted that the number of copies had merely been reduced "for budgetary reasons".

Le Canard was popular reading among M Juppé's subordinates, since no less than 70 copies were on order every week until the ban.

Delighted to be the object of such special censorship, *Le Canard* yesterday published a subscription coupon on its front page, made out in M Juppé's name. "Since we are anxious that the Prime Minister of France should be as well informed as possible, our journal has decided to give him a free subscription," the paper declared.

It said it would post free issues to M Juppé's home for at least three months. "This is, anyway, much longer than many magistrates and friends . . . predict he will stay at the Mâtignon."

On the same page, however, *Le Canard* offered its readers a series of photographs showing the bald Prime Minister tucking into numerous beers at the Hôtel Méridien in Paris and appearing very merry indeed, in spite of what the paper called "the 'national peril' he has warned us of and the build-up of all the other perils that assail him".



Le Canard Enchaîné fights back yesterday with a free subscription form for M Juppé on its front page

Women's protest flight banned

FROM MICHAEL MUNRO IN WELLINGTON

THE French authorities in Tahiti have refused permission for a New Zealand aircraft to carry 140 women anti-nuclear protesters to the Pacific island, further souring relations between France and New Zealand.

Landing rights for the charter flight by Kiwi Air, New Zealand's newest international airline, were revoked yesterday, a day before the intended visit. The leaders of the peace mission said they were devastated by the French decision and the New Zealand Government pressed officials in Tahiti to reconsider the ban. Jim Bolger, the Prime Minister, said the revoking of landing rights was "unnecessarily defensive".

New Zealand's opposition to the renewed nuclear testing programme in French Polynesia has included trying to bring a world court case to have the tests suspended.

☐ **Paris:** Jean-Pierre Chevènement, a former French Defence Minister, said yesterday that cracks identified in the Mururoa atoll have not worsened as a result of nuclear tests there since 1980. He was responding to a press report that a map drawn in 1980 showed extensive fissuring of the atoll which mightlead to an ecological catastrophe. *(AFP)*

Row over Booker 'traitor' favourite

FROM RICHARD BESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S literary community has been split over a controversial novel about Andrei Vlasov, the Russian wartime fascist commander, which is strongly tipped to win this year's Russian Booker prize.

A General and His Army, which came out last year to mixed reviews, was instantly picked as the hot favourite by judges and book critics to win the £8,000 first prize when short-listed with two other novels last week.

The book, by the émigré writer Georgi Vladimov, tells of the wartime experiences of General Vlasov, who was a senior commander in the Red Army before being captured and agreeing to lead a pro-Nazi army made up mainly of Soviet prisoners of war.

In a review in *Knizhnoe Obozrenie* (Book Review), Vladimir Bogomolov, a respected military historian and veteran of the war, savaged the book for historical inaccuracies and attempting to rehabilitate a man Russians know only as a traitor.

For those who regard Hitler's defeat as the greatest Russian achievement of the century, the book's subject matter is particularly disturbing as it coincides with the rise in the country of several neo-Nazi movements.

However, Natalya Ivanova, a literary critic, said military historians were missing the point. "Tolstoy made many factual mistakes in *War and Peace*, but that did not diminish the book's value," she said.

"This book is a phenomenon because it makes us re-examine our role in the war in a sobering light."

The row is being greeted with quiet satisfaction by the Booker's Russian committee, accused in the past of selecting worthy but dull works.

Nato jets renew attacks on Serbs' missile sites

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NATO aircraft went into action over Bosnia-Herzegovina for the first time in more than two weeks yesterday when three Serb missile batteries were attacked by American fighters.

Nato planes on routine Operation Deny Flight missions were targeted by Serb anti-aircraft missile radars in southern and central Bosnia. Although the Serbs did not open fire, the radars were attacked by high-speed anti-radiation missiles (Harm).

A Nato spokesman said there were three separate incidents. It was not known how much damage had been caused by the airstrike. However, there were no further incidents of Serb radars "locking on" to Nato aircraft.

Two of the sites were in central or western Bosnia and the third about 12 miles south of Sarajevo. Serb forces have a variety of surface-to-air missiles, including portable and truck-mounted systems, both of which have scored kills against Nato aircraft.

Nato's air campaign against Serb targets, which began at the end of August after a mortar killed 38 people in a Sarajevo marketplace, took out many of the anti-aircraft missile batteries and radar facilities.

However, yesterday's incidents showed that Nato aircraft over Bosnia still remain vulnerable to ground-to-air missile attack. Some of the damaged Serb radars may have been repaired.

☐ **Sarajevo:** Richard Holbrooke, the American mediator, said yesterday the Bosnian Government had made a "serious proposal" for a ceasefire in its war with the Bosnian Serbs.

He told reporters he was leaving for Belgrade to discuss the proposal with President Milosevic and would return to Sarajevo with a reply on Thursday.

The American envoy did not give details of the proposal, which emerged at talks which he held in Sarajevo accompanied by Carl Bildt, the European Union negotiator.

He said earlier that the differences between the two sides were large and added: "The war is not over. The ceasefire in the Sarajevo area is fragile and fighting in the west is continuing and perhaps accelerating in areas."

Mr Bildt expressed surprise that the Bosnian Government was not showing more enthusiasm for a ceasefire. UN peacekeepers said the Government was playing a risky game which could result in even bigger military reverses.

WORLD IN SUMMARY

Speaker takes over in Skopje

Skopje: Stojan Andov, the Speaker, took office as acting President of Macedonia yesterday as President Gligorov underwent surgery to save his sight after surviving an attempt to kill him with a car bomb. Mr Andov heads the business-oriented Liberal Party, the second largest force in the ruling coalition.

Macedonian radio confirmed that Mr Gligorov, 78, suffered head and eye injuries and his condition "will remain at a delicate stage for the next few days". *(Reuter)*

Baby dies after being fed cocaine

Albuquerque: An 11-month-old girl, who police said was fed crack cocaine by her two-year-old brother, died of a heart attack on the way to hospital. The mother called an ambulance because the baby would not stop vomiting. The mother and her boyfriend were arrested to face charges of child abuse resulting in death, tampering with evidence, and with possessing and dealing in crack. *(AP)*

Shevardnadze plot denied

Moscow: Igor Georgadze, Georgia's former Security Minister, has denied accusations that he plotted the August assassination attempt against Eduard Shevardnadze, the country's leader, the Interfax agency said yesterday. Mr Shevardnadze suffered facial cuts. *(Reuter)*

Children left in 120F killer car

McMinnville: Jennie Bain Ducker, 20, who left her children, Devin, two, and Dustin, 12 months, strapped in car seats for eight hours in temperatures of 49C (120F) in Tennessee, was acquitted of murder, but convicted of aggravated abuse. She will be sentenced on Monday. *(AP)*

Powder dressing

Bogotá: An airport security guard suspicious of two women passengers' oversized shoulder pads as they boarded a plane from Medellín to Miami found they contained 2½ lb of heroin. *(Reuter)*



Patten sidelined as China piles on the pressure

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

PEKING has made it clear it intends the endgame in Hong Kong should be nothing less than a surrender and a punishment for Chris Patten, the Governor.

As Qian Qichen, the Chinese Foreign Minister, approved a new set of agreements in London on Tuesday, a Foreign Office diplomat said privately: "We don't always have to see it [Hong Kong] through the prism of the Patten eyes." This has caused indignation at Government House.

Britain's compromises with Peking over Hong Kong — along with the steady sidelining of Mr Patten — has continued during this week's talks between Mr Qian and Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary. Hong Kong's Government was not represented and China's principal concession was to offer Hong Kong officials limited and unclear participation during the handover to Peking, including "the grand, solemn and decent" final ceremony at midnight on July 1, 1997.

In Hong Kong, Peking promptly spelled out just how limited the offer is. Zhao Jihua, a senior diplomat, said: "We should make it very clear in which areas the two sides can co-operate and which is the business of China itself."

Even as the Foreign Office is confirming its accommodating role in dealing with Peking — and displaying its traditional view that Hong Kong is full of complaining liberals — Hong Kong is preparing itself for the *Anschluss*.

It was agreed at the talks that there are to be more formal contacts between Hong Kong officials and the Chinese shadow government, which will be fully divulged next year. This process will include not only the Peking-appointed Preparatory Committee, of "patriotic" Hong Kong personalities, but the Chief Executive who is to succeed the Governor. Next year Hong Kong will know who its real government is to be.



Patten: China demands Governor's surrender

Nothing was said at Tuesday's talks about Mr Qian's prior declaration that the newly elected Legislative Council, in which Democrats hold 29 of the 60 seats, is to be dissolved in 1997. "We did not discuss this question," Mr Qian said briskly, with Mr Rifkind silently beside him. "The issue has already been resolved."

The failure of Britain to defend the council has embarrassed the Government here. Hong Kong officials constantly observe that dissolving the Legislative Council would be bad for Hong Kong. Even Peking's failed candidates in the elections are urging Peking not to abolish the council, and if it does to reassemble it immediately until new free and fair elections are held.

What Mr Patten formalised in his constitutional changes, which resulted in the recent elections, is recognition that Hong Kong is now what Peking says it will not accept — a "political city".

The Democrats are ready to negotiate with their rivals on important local issues, such as taxation and imported labour, in the face of Government House policies which will no longer automatically be put into operation.

A former Whitehall official involved in the 1982-1984 sovereignty negotiations with Peking said: "We did not accept that we should give the game away in one go ... Simply to have given in to *diktat* would have been politically intolerable." Meanwhile, Hong Kong officials say that British negotiating positions are yielded too fast.

Peking must have noted that Hong Kong lawyers returned Margaret Ng as their "functional" representative to the council. She is a thorough-going Democrat, although not a member of Martin Lee's Democratic Party. Lawyers and judges will be vital here after 1997 in retaining the confidence of the business community. The lawyers, in endorsing Ms Ng by a large majority, sent Peking a message not to impose its legal forms and practices in Hong Kong.

Although Peking says repeatedly it will dissolve the Legislative Council, it does not say how. Nor does it refer any more to Hong Kong's laws as "colonial" or to its senior officials as British "running dogs". While they scorn Mr Patten, the Chinese do not want a second Tibet on their doorstep, or a Taiwan terrified of amalgamation. There are those in Peking who understand that the ceremony in July 1997 must truly be "decent".



Malcolm Rifkind and his Peking counterpart, Qian Qichen, at the London talks

Pretoria spy chief shot dead in car

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

DOUBTS persist over the death of Mziwendoda Mdluli, head of security for South Africa's National Intelligence Agency, who was found in his car with a gunshot wound to the head.

Pretoria police say suicide seems the most likely explanation, and the dead man was killed with a bullet from his 9mm pistol that was found in the car. Official ballistic studies are still awaited which would show the trajectory of the bullet, the angle of entry and the distance it travelled.

Mr Mdluli, 30, was a former member of the intelligence arm of the Azanian People's Liberation Army, (Apla), the armed wing of the Pan Africanist Congress. Maxwell Nemadzivhanani, the general secretary of the PAC, insisted yesterday that he was murdered.

"When you see the interior of the car, it indicates there was a struggle," he said. "The trajectory of the bullet and its angle of entry all show that he could not have killed himself. Besides, he was a big man with a large stomach and he never wore a seat belt in his car. He was found with his seat belt on." Mr Nemadzivhanani also said that, although the car had central locking, the two front doors were open but the back two were locked.

Mr Mdluli became Apla's military attaché in Zimbabwe in 1990, returning to South Africa two years later to be integrated into the National Intelligence Agency, responsible for both internal and external intelligence. His job as security chief meant little involvement with actual intelligence work and police said that his death posed no threat to national security.

Captain David Harrington, of the Pretoria police, said: "There will be an inquest, which is why we cannot say now exactly how he died ... But we have no reason to suspect murder. No foul play is suspected."

Art treasures find home by the Nile

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

AFTER decades of neglect, the finest collection of European art in the Middle East has found a permanent, public home on the banks of the Nile where this week it joined the relics of the pharaohs as one of the great attractions for tourists visiting Egypt.

The art treasures that went on show yesterday at the new museum created in the former villa of Mahmoud Khalil, a wealthy politician and art collector, include works by Van Gogh, Degas, Toulouse-Lautrec, Renoir and a haunting oil by Gauguin entitled *Life and Death* which is valued by Egyptian officials at over £30 million.

The picture, showing a woman painted in warm colours with a rich mane of red hair, lazily playing with a piece of cloth while a second woman crouches near her eyes closed, head in hands and skin a corpse-like soft grey-blue, was described by a 19th-century critic as "the peak of the artist's career".

Among the impressionists on display in the new museum are works by Monet, Pissaro and Sisley. The display also includes Van Gogh's *Genets and Coquelicots*, which is valued at £15 million, and a version of Ingres's Odalisque or concubine, reclining coyly on a pile of cushions and rich cloth.

The paintings have been kept in obscurity because when Khalil died 40 years ago he bequeathed his collection to the state on condition that it be left at his home for display. President Sadat, who was was assassinated in 1981, ignored the request and took over the villa for his staff, banishing the works to a minor museum where they received scant attention.

Speaking at the opening of the refurbished Nileside villa which now houses the bequest in an environment of a properly controlled temperatures and humidity, Farouk Hosni, the Culture Minister, said: "This is the most important collection in the Middle East. There are French grand masters and great sculptors of the 19th century. Some of these works were unknown in Europe: they had a catalogue from 1890 which mentioned [some of them], but they didn't know where they were. They were in Cairo."

Until last year, when some of the paintings were temporarily put on show in Paris — the exhibition was called "The Forgotten of Egypt" — the whereabouts of many of the works were unknown.

Mr Hosni said: "Khalil was one of the greatest collectors in the world. To own 300 pieces of art in your house, that is enormous. He also had taste; he chose very beautiful pictures."

Filipino flood victims robbed

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN SAN FERNANDO, PHILIPPINES

THIEVES, some using boats, have descended on villages hit by floods and flows of volcanic debris, police reported yesterday.

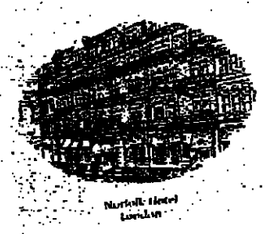
Police have detained seven suspects rounded up by residents in the area, 35 miles north of Manila, which was ravaged by 10ft-high volcanic flows unleashed from the slopes of Mount Pinatubo by tropical storm Sybil on Sunday. An officer said the thieves were after appliances left on the rooftops of half-buried houses.

Residents said some thieves, believed to be from other provinces, disguised themselves by mingling with disaster authorities rescuing residents who were marooned. Diony Ventura, a regional police chief, said some residents had refused to leave for fear of having their belongings stolen.

More than 70 people have so far been confirmed dead after landslides and floods touched off when typhoon Sybil lashed the Philippine archipelago. The death toll could rise, as many more are missing. Reports of bodies floating have not been confirmed.

Sybil has destroyed £19 million worth of roads, bridges and other public infrastructure and more than £2 million worth of crops, the Office of Civil Defence said. More than 2,000 houses have been destroyed and 7,100 damaged in several provinces, and about 370,000 people have been displaced or affected.

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Take aspirin for your anger



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

BARELY a flicker of irritation crossed the face of Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is famed for his good temper, when the waiter served him Stilton rather than the Shropshire Blue he had ordered. It was as well for, by the time the cheese arrived, Mr Lamont was deep into a discussion on the disadvantages to a politician who is not able to control anger when dealing with less senior parliamentary colleagues, civil servants or others not in a position to respond.

Anger is not only sometimes a bar to political success and promotion but it can also be the key to everlasting damnation. A survey of more than 1,600 American heart attack victims, questioned within four days of their coronary, has recently been carried out by doctors from Harvard Medical School, and the New England Deaconess Hospital, in Boston. Their study shows that an outburst of anger in a 50-year-old man, previously considered healthy, more than doubled his chance of having a heart attack in the next two hours.

More than 200 years ago, John Hunter the founder of British surgery, pointed out that his life was in the hands of any fool who cared to make him angry, but Hunter knew that he had serious cardiovascular problems. The Americans who were questioned had thought that they were fit until a quarrel with their spouses, colleagues or lawyers proved otherwise.

In the investigation, conducted in 55 different American hospitals, about a third of the patients were women, and the statistics suggest that anger is as bad for them as it is for men.

The other aim of the survey was to discover whether taking a daily aspirin could protect the patient's heart from the damage which anger could inflict. The news is encouraging for those who, although they become infuriated by carpark attendants and traffic wardens, are also taking aspirin. The statistics showed that although aspirin didn't entirely neutralise the effect of anger, which remained a significant risk factor, it went an appreciable way to doing so. Unfortunately, not enough of the women studied were taking aspirin regularly for any statistics regarding its effect for them to be reliable. A larger trial involving more than 5,000 people, which will include enough women to make their replies meaningful, is now being planned.

Aspirin has been recommended as a means of preventing clot formation for those who are at particular risk of having a coronary thrombosis or a stroke. Anger causes a release of adrenalin, which raises the blood pressure. This surge of pressure ruptures the fatty plaques of atheroma clinging to the coronary arterial walls, and thereby prepares the site for clot formation — unless there is aspirin in the blood stream to disrupt the process.

Atheromatous plaque can occur in patients whose coronary arteries are in otherwise relatively good order. The optimum dose of aspirin is considered to be 75mg a day, and is available in enteric coated forms, which are less likely to cause gastric bleeding.

Aids cocktail



PATIENTS with Aids watch their CD4 count as carefully as pilots read their altimeter. The count is a marker of resistance to infection and as the count falls so disaster is more likely.

In New York, Harold Brodkey, author of *The Runaway Soul*, and *Profane Friendship*, who was infected over 19 years ago, carefully studied his blood lymphocyte count and when the CD4 reading plummeted to 30 he knew that he hadn't time to finish the two novels he was writing. He was about to crash. When all seemed lost his doctors arranged for him to be included in a trial of a hitherto untried combination of drugs.

Glaxo, the British pharmaceutical company, is investigating the effect of a combination of a new, and as yet unlicensed, drug 3TC (lamivudine) with AZT (Retrovir). The results for Mr Brodkey have been rewarding. His viral load has fallen and his CD4 count has climbed to about 130, not a very encouraging reading for a healthy man, but one which should give him time to to return to his PC and finish his books. Unfortunately, Mr Brodkey has become anaemic as a result of the AZT, but this has been reversed with a blood transfusion. He now feels better than he has for years.

The trial showed that patients taking 150mg of 3TC twice a day in combination with the AZT did as well, if not better, than those who were given higher doses. In general, 3TC was well tolerated.

Shellfish risk



LAST year the European Community introduced stringent laws on the raising of shellfish for human consumption. Well established small oyster beds have been driven out of business and traditional mussel beds will be left unharvested.

The plate of *moules marinières* should be safe but recent reports from the South Coast suggest that for every reasonably reliable mussel bed now left untended many more dangerous shores are being illegally worked by organised gangs. These marauders are plundering the shellfish regardless of the amount of sewage which has been swilling around them.

The effect on bird life in districts where waders rely upon the shellfish will be hard to quantify but could be catastrophic. The damage to humans from eating molluscs from contaminated shorelines is all too well known.

Shellfish filter gallons of seawater a day, their highly efficient filtration system is so sensitive that it not only collects and concentrates any bacteria in the water but also any viruses present. Neither the viruses nor bacteria make any difference to the taste or appearance of a mussel, oyster or cockle. The contaminated shellfish covertly carries the organisms which spread diseases as serious as Hepatitis A or polio. Or it can hand on a dose of salmonella or other bacterial causes of food poisoning.



SIMON WALKER

Pupils with asthma inhalers are a common sight in our school playgrounds, but is it the price we have to pay for a high standard of living?

Why children are allergic to affluence

Allergies such as asthma have more to do with vaccines than air pollution, says **Dr James Le Fanu**

Besides its great natural beauty, the Isle of Skye is one of the least polluted parts of the kingdom — no toxic emissions from factory chimneys, no traffic-congested roads contaminating the air with acid aerosols and sulphur dioxide. Indeed, virtually the only man-made airborne pollutant is the smoke from household fires rapidly dispersed by the prevailing winds from the Atlantic.

And yet when Dr Jane Austin, paediatrician at Inverness's Royal Northern Infirmary, investigated the prevalence of asthma among the children of school age on the island, she found it to be commoner than in the rest of the Highlands, commoner than in Aberdeen, commoner even than in Cardiff. Her careful measurements of lung function showed a deterioration following exertion in one-third of the island's schoolchildren, while the equivalent figure in Cardiff is 8 per cent.

Dr Austin's findings are quite unexceptional: doctors and scientists have found little or no relationship between the severity of airborne pollution and the numbers affected by asthma. Certainly those who already have asthma are often made wheezier and more short of breath by the photochemical smog from vehicle exhausts, but pollution does not seem to cause the illness or account for its increased frequency.

"There is no evidence of the significant rise in pollutants that would have been necessary to cause the increase in asthma," says Professor Anthony Seaton, of Aberdeen University, citing as evidence a remarkable study of children in Leipzig and Munich. Before the fall of the Berlin Wall, most of the factories in East Germany manufactured little else other than pollution, and Leipzig was no exception. In 1989 the concentrations of sulphur dioxide and particulate matter in the air were respectively 30 and 10 times higher than in Munich, and yet the study found asthma to be commoner in Munich than in smog-ridden Leipzig.

There is a profound disparity between popular belief and expert opinion on this matter. While for the public and environmentalists a causative link between air pollution and asthma is self-evident, the experts are not convinced. "Air pollution as a cause of asthma has the seeming merit of appealing to common sense," wrote Anthony Newman Taylor, professor of respiratory medicine at London's Royal Brompton Hospital in *The Lancet* earlier this year (and one does not get a more authoritative opinion than that), yet the relationship, he says, "has not been observed."

So why do people, particularly children, suffer from asthma? Along with eczema and hay fever, asthma is one of three allergic illnesses with much in common. These atopic diseases are characterised by an excess production of an antibody called IgE which, in the presence of some allergens, causes symptoms. Thus for the atopic individual a high pollen count may cause the itchy eyes and runny nose of hay fever; chemicals and foods may cause the itchy, dry skin of eczema, while air pollutants, the house-dust mite and viral infections may cause the asthma wheeze.

The main features of these three atopic illnesses are remarkably similar. They all run strongly in families and interdependently, suggesting that the same genes are involved. Thus, those with asthma are much more likely to suffer from eczema and hay fever, and their children are much more likely to suffer from these illnesses. They all tend to start in childhood and get better or disappear altogether with the passage of time. They have all become a lot more frequent since the war as shown by a comparative study of thousands of children in Aberdeen, in 1964 and 1989. Over this 25-year period, the prevalence of asthma and eczema doubled and that of hay fever trebled.

They are also, virtually uniquely, "diseases of the advantaged" — they occur more frequently in children born into professional compared to working-class households. They are also more common in small rather than large families — "only" children are four times more likely to develop hay fever than those with several siblings and three times more likely to develop eczema. Further, as already noted, asthma seems to be commoner in isolated communities such as Skye than in towns, and in affluent cities such as Munich than in impoverished Leipzig.

Clearly, then, something to do with the body's immune system has changed, increasing the prevalence of these three illnesses. The obvious candidate — that fits in with all the other observations to do with social class and family size — is the decline in exposure to infection. Commenting on the relationship between eczema, hay fever and family size, Dr David Strachan, senior lecturer at St George's Hospital medical school, observes it is best explained "if allergic diseases are prevented by infections in early childhood transmitted by contact with older siblings".

Last month, Professor Newman Taylor made a similar point about asthma which he says may have reached "epidemic status in affluent societies because falling family size reduces the chances that toddlers and infants encounter infections sufficiently early". The rise in atopic illness certainly coincides with the precipitous decline during the postwar years in the major childhood infectious diseases, so perhaps they are the price that has to be paid for modern vaccines, the miracle of antibiotics and social progress.

How I learnt to be a life saver

Giles Coren takes a deep breath and joins St John Ambulance for a day

GILL ALLEN



Giles Coren learns the techniques of life saving

Can anything be more important than saving lives? Is there any single skill more useful than the ability to keep someone alive who might otherwise die?

I don't think so. Not that I was one of those people, until this week, who had any idea how to do it. It all looks easy enough on *Baywatch*. Blow into the victim's mouth a few times, a couple of good hard whams on the chest and, hey presto, up he gets.

Unfortunately, it is not that easy. Nor yet is it as difficult as you might think. In fact, St John Ambulance are confident that in just two hours the rudiments of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can be passed on to someone who has no experience in first aid. For a week beginning October 30, as part of their Breath of Life campaign, they will be offering three two-hour training courses around the country, designed to help people identify a heart attack or loss of consciousness and begin what they call the "chain of survival" which will keep the victim alive until an ambulance arrives.

We have to begin the chain of survival

Last time they attempted something like this 85,000 people took part. Every year about 330,000 people suffer heart attacks, and of the lives lost, three could be saved every day if CPR were carried out on only half the victims.

At the headquarters of St John Ambulance in central London I was taken through the course by training officer Terry Perkins.

The first thing I learnt was that CPR is not designed to make a heart that has stopped start beating again. Rather, it keeps oxygenated blood circulating to the brain until defibrillation is possible — the application of an electric shock to the heart.

First, you learn to identify whether the casualty is conscious, whether he is breathing and if the heart has stopped. If he is breathing you need do no more than put him in the recovery position. If he is not, then you are taught to check for obstruction to airflow (simply tilting a casualty's head back can clear obstruction by the tongue) and then try to restart breathing by pinching the nose closed, covering the person's mouth with yours and blowing air into his lungs. Horribly lifelike dummies, by the way, play the part of the victim. You must not try it on people.

In the worst case, when you cannot find a pulse, then you begin CPR. This involves blowing a couple of breaths into the victim's lungs and then pressing firmly just above the sternum at intervals of about a second. In doing this, you press the heart and pump oxygenated blood to the brain. After 15 pumps, you give air again, and repeat the process.

It is made extremely clear that before beginning CPR you call an ambulance. You are not going to get the casualty's heart beating again, all you can hope to do is keep him alive — and prevent brain damage — until help arrives. This is a skill that is needed only when there is no other alternative.

CPR mistakenly performed on a beating heart can be very dangerous. There are horror stories of people being sued after trying, and failing, to save a life. And, if there is a lot of blood, you might fear contracting an infection — although there are no records of HIV or Hepatitis B being transmitted during CPR.

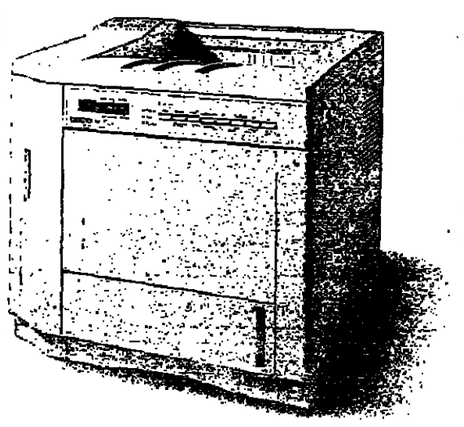
As Mr Perkins put it: "When you come across someone lying unconscious in the street you have two options. You either step over him and carry on walking, or you stop and try to help." It is a sobering thought, and I hope I am never faced with that situation.

Whether or not I will really be able to help is anyone's guess. But one thing is certain, if I do come across a dying person in the street tomorrow, he will stand a better chance of surviving than he would have done before this week.

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Gloria Gaynor: "My husband's wonderful, but he's still a human being. Only Christ has been able to give me security because His love is eternal"

Gloria's survival guide

Julia Llewellyn Smith meets the soul singer whose biggest hit has become the women's anthem

At first I was afraid. I was petrified. Conversation stops, cigarettes are stubbed out and drinks downed, as everybody fights for space on the dance floor. They sway to the disco beat, wag accusatory fingers and sing along to the most popular chorus of the 20th century. "Go on now! Go! Walk out the door! Just turn around now! 'Cause you're not welcome any more!" The smiles grow wider as the dancers dwell on ancient heartbreaks and contemplate revenge. "I will survi . . . ive!"

Gloria Gaynor's *I Will Survive* was number one for a month in 1979, topping a chart filled with such pop classics as Sister Sledge's *He's the Greatest Dancer* and Elvis Costello's *Oliver's Army*. That year alone it sold seven million copies; now the record company has lost track of its worldwide sales. It was the anthem for every woman who had been jilted or abused, who had lost and regained her self respect. Sixteen years later it is a favourite with the gay community, and the most requested karaoke song.

When Gaynor gyrated on *Top of the Pops* in a less-than-flattering sequined boob-tube, you could tell that this woman was singing from the heart. Gloria was the essence of the 1970s: she was gold eyeshadow and platform heels, Afro hair and white teeth; she snorted cocaine in Studio 54 and drank champagne with Donna Summer.

But this was two decades ago and the Gaynor of the 1990s is no more likely to squeeze into a boob tube than to launch into a rendition of *Anarchy in the UK*. A matronly figure in black, with only a gold lamé top to hint at her former glamour, she sips herbal tea. The only drugs she takes are antibiotics for her sore throat.

Gaynor, now 48 and in town to promote her autobiography, *Soul Survivor*, says the transformation came about in 1982, when she became a born-again Christian. She was rich, she was famous, she was married to her manager, Linwood Simon, but was she happy?

"Oh, I was so insecure," she breathes huskily. "I couldn't hold on to a relationship. I was going on with whatever other people did, drugs or alcohol, and I was sure they only liked me because I was a singer. I thought, what if I got a really bad throat one night? Nobody would want me any more."

Gloria Fowles was born in a New Jersey ghetto. Her mother, Queenie May, had seven children by three different men: Gloria's father, a vaudeville artist, left home before she was born. "Growing up without a father left me with a great fear of loneliness."

She had a hit with *Never Can Say Goodbye* in 1974, the first disco record to be played on American radio. She made the first non-stop dance album and was voted Queen of the Discos by the International Association of Disc Jockeys. None of this, however, matched up to *I Will Survive*, which was written for her by her producer, originally as a B side. Was Gaynor thinking about her two abortions and numerous failed relationships,

> 'When I sang the song I was thinking of my mother'

as she belted out this feminist anthem?

"No," she says. "I was thinking of my mother who had passed away eight years prior. I thought I'd never survive her death. She was my backbone, she was the only one who loved me unconditionally. Then there was the fact I was standing there in a back brace. I'd tripped over a microphone wire on stage and the doctors thought I'd be paralysed for life."

She was not, she says, thinking of Linwood, then a New York cop, whom she had been dating for five years and who had turned down her 47 marriage proposals. "He would say 'Honey, when I get married, I'll do the asking'," she sighs. "It was terrible but I really wasn't thinking about that when I sang the song, because I wasn't about to close the door on him anyway."

Having read *Soul Survivor*, I have no doubt that Gaynor should have changed that stupid lock and made Linwood leave his key. Instead she married him in 1979. They have split up several times but, she assures me, "now he loves me more than ever before, because I am so much better a person".

Linwood, however, "has not changed at all. He's a big smoker," says his wife, who gave up marijuana, cigarettes and alcohol more than a decade ago. He rarely goes to church. "Linwood's wonderful, but he's still a human being. Only Christ has been able to give me security because His love is eternal. Every day He's going to love me, no matter what I do. That's what I was looking for in every relationship."

These days, Gaynor makes albums with a Christian theme and tours relentlessly, belting out *I Will Survive* night after night. "As long as people want to hear it, I will sing it," she says graciously. "I'm not sick of it yet, so I don't see why I ever should be." Nonetheless, she refuses to sing it to me ("It's nothing without a backing track"), plumping instead to do a smoochy number from the next album.

A few years ago she offended her gay fans, who read her song as a defiance of Aids, by describing homosexuality as "an abomination". Now she is more diplomatic. "I believe every word of the Bible, but who am I to judge? Many of my friends are gay. The president of my fan club is gay."

In the old days, Gaynor says, she was never invited to parties. "I had to invite myself and then I wondered why no one would talk to me. People say I was very selfish and thoughtless. Today everybody tells me what a wonderful person I am." She gurgles with laughter: "The wonder is not me," she assures me. "It's Christ in me."

She has all her life to live and all her love to give, yet Gaynor has not yet overcome all the temptations that assail her. "I still love hamburgers," she wails, disconsolate. She is a British size 20 but her perfect skin and bright eyes make up for her voluptuous figure. Last year she prayed to the Lord to help her to spurn white flour and the next morning she had lost all desire for pasta and cake. So why can't the Lord help her with the burgers? "It doesn't work like that," says the soul survivor. "God gave us free will and it is up to me to use it."

Pawns in the battle for an island's heritage

Magnus Linklater on the tussle over ownership of the Lewis chess pieces

Last July, the British Museum generously lent the most valuable chess set in the world to the Island of Lewis. Now the islanders want to keep it.

That, in a nutshell, is the delicate issue which will confront the trustees of the museum when they meet on November 4, and the implications are as far-reaching as a move of Queen to P4 in a classic Petroff defence. For if the people of Lewis win their argument (and the people of Lewis have a habit of winning their argument), there is no lack of claimants in regional museums up and down the country ready to follow their example and demand the return of their heritage.

It is, as a British Museum spokesman put it, "a question of repatriation which normally involves countries such as Greece and return of the Elgin marbles".

On one level it comes over like an episode straight from one of the late Compton Mackenzie's more whimsical Highland comedies. A group of Hebridean islanders, who know a good thing when they see it, defy the bowler-hatted bureaucrats from London and, despite spluttering protests, outwit them with a typically Celtic combination of intransigence and guile.

But this being 1995, and with references to expensive litigation hanging in the air, the Lewismen have decided to play a longer game.

They have suggested that some at least of the chess pieces, which are carved in walrus ivory and date back to Viking times, should be returned to the island "on permanent loan". The British Museum is thinking about it.

The history of the Lewis chessmen is as colourful as their origins. They were dug up in 1831 on a beach in the township of Uig, on the island's west coast. A cow is said to have stumbled on them after they had been exposed by a storm and, when its owner looked at the strangely-carved figures, he ran off, terrified that he had witnessed some awful piece of witchcraft.

Once they had been excavated, however, they were found to be of Norse origin, dating back to the 12th century.

There were 67 pieces in all, the remains of four full sets, and though there were several examples of the main pieces, most of the pawns were missing. The kings, queens, knights and bishops, grim-faced, but equipped with superbly carved crowns, croziers, shields and swords, changed hands several times but were eventually bought from an Edinburgh merchant by the British Museum. They have been there ever since, although 11 of the pieces are on display in the National Museum of Scotland.

They have subsequently been reproduced around the world, and their value is reflected in the £1 million insurance tag for each king, and £100,000 for a pawn.





Chessmen from the most valuable set in the world

The museum has, on the whole, been free with its lending policy, and the ivory figures have travelled widely. Last July, they went "home" to Lewis, when the Western Isles Council staged a chess festival in the capital, Stornoway, with players from around the world, including several Grand Masters.

The Lewis chessmen, on display in the Museum nan Eilean (Museum of the Isles), formed its centrepiece and proved a stunning success. In July and August alone 1,500 visitors a week poured in to see them. Not surprisingly, voices were raised asking why they shouldn't stay there and, this being Lewis where a certain eloquence, allied to a certain obstinacy, is a natural trait, it was translated into action.

A motion was put to the council that the chess pieces should simply not be returned. There was much talk of metropolitan remoteness and latter-day colonialism and, when the British Museum failed to respond to the request, one councillor spoke of the "arrogance bordering on contempt" which London was displaying "towards the people of this island".

Wiser counsels prevailed when it was pointed out that the pieces were needed for an exhibition in Edinburgh, and that expensive legal action would be taken if they failed to turn up. But the council has not given up the quest. Instead, it has switched tactics and will press for a permanent loan of at least some of the pieces. The move will be watched with considerable interest by other museums around Britain.

Most of the British Museum's treasures were collected in the Victorian era when there were few regional museums, and none with the funds to buy and exhibit rare objects. But that has changed.

The National Museum of Wales might, for instance, fancy getting its hands on a valuable collection of early Welsh gold, including a fabulous medieval gold collar which the British Museum currently holds. Newcastle might press for Roman remains from Hadrian's Wall. Shetland might demand the St Ninian's treasure, a priceless collection of Viking silver, now housed in Edinburgh.

Of course, numerous small museums, many of them suddenly awash with lottery funding, might also start remembering local artefacts, excavated years ago, which would greatly boost their visiting figures if they were returned.

There is a genuine problem here which parallels the long-running debate about the Elgin marbles. How do you establish "ownership" of these ancient relics, and who is the best custodian?

Merely insuring the Lewis chessmen and housing them in the right conditions would be hugely expensive for the Western Isles Council as well as restricting access to a national treasure: the hundreds of thousands of visitors who see them regularly in the British Museum in London or the National Museum of Scotland at present would find the opportunities of doing so greatly reduced once they were permanently housed at the museum in Stornoway.

Perhaps the best solution would be the most radical one. The British Museum would accept the argument that the chessmen properly belonged to Lewis. They would tell the council that it could indeed have them back. But the condition would be that it was as generous in lending them out to others as the museum was in the first place — and of course it would have to foot the bill.

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Janet Daley



■ Tony Blair's vision for the future taps into a popular longing for old-time morality

In spite of myself, I cannot help warming to Tony Blair's moral crusade. The opening paragraphs of his oration on Tuesday — which were supposed to be a reinterpretation of socialist ideals — were nothing less than unembarrassed Christian evangelism.

This message got somewhat confused later on by talk about laptops and superhighways which seemed to be part of another speech altogether. Unless Mr Blair really believes that he can find moral absolution on the Internet, he has some serious conflicts within his speech-writing team.

Whatever other strange beliefs he may have — that an appalling education system can be cured by information technology, for example — Mr Blair has got something right. There is a real popular longing for old-time morality.

I feel peculiarly well-qualified to make this sweeping generalisation: it is an occupational hazard of my broadcasting life that I am accosted constantly by people who wish to tell me of their moral hope or despair. (And a programme like the *Moral Maze* would never have gained such popularity if not for this widespread longing.) Mr Blair is attempting to make the perfectly plausible connection between Christian ideas of fellowship and socialism.

If that sounds surprising, it is because for the past 20 years the Labour Party has been dominated by cosmopolitan atheists and born-again Bolsheviks who genuinely believed that religion was the opiate of the people. But not long ago — as recently as Harold Wilson's day — there was a strong link between Methodism and Labour.

The roundhead tradition of social equality and class loyalty had bred the trade union movement and was still a living presence within its political wing. Neil Kinnock once described himself, I seem to recall, as an unbeliever (or, at least, not a believer) but he retained the Welsh choir-singing image which had once been part of that bond between non-conformist religion and socialism. But it is important to note that this is not the sort of Christianity that Mr Blair seems to be talking about.

Perhaps because of those embarrassing associations with trade union history, or maybe just his own rather aristocratic predilections, the chapel is not Tony Blair's spiritual home. He talks of community responsibility rather than class loyalty, carefully correcting the party's definition of "our people" — which used to mean working-class people — to include everyone who leads a virtuous life.

And what is a virtuous life in the new socialism? It is one that takes responsibility for its own behaviour and earns its own keep but does not profiteer. The real enemies now are the "fat cats": those who selfishly grab more than their fair share of the wealth which virtuous people of all classes create.

This is not Marxist talk. It goes back much further than the 19th century. Its true origins are in medieval Catholicism which forbade the making of profit for its own sake. The Church in the Middle Ages decreed that all commercial life be governed by the rule of the "just price": the amount which permitted the seller to cover his costs but not to accumulate capital.

Hence the famous historical link between the Reformation and the rise of capitalism. The moral cohesion that Mr Blair harks back to is not the picturesque 1950s daydream of John Major, nor is it the Samuel Smiles Victorian uprightness of Margaret Thatcher.

His is a Utopian dream — this is not an insult — that has not been dreamt in Britain since the early Tudors, where country will take precedence over faction or class, and moral assumptions are unifying rather than divisive. It has more in common with the Christian Socialist movements of continental Europe than with British politics. So if Mr Blair is serious about this, then he is doing something quite radical. He is offering a form of collectivism that does not involve class war.

> A Utopian dream not dreamt since the Tudors

He wants to include everybody — the true meaning of the word "catholic", of course — who is willing to pay his moral dues by good behaviour. His admirable views on upholding marriage and decent parenting fit in well with this. But they fly directly in the face of the ethical code that has so influenced the sophisticates who have ruled Labour for a generation. For them, moral responsibility means feeling guilty for the wrongs committed by your class or your race, whether or not you played any part in them. And accepting that a victim of those hereditary wrongs can never be truly guilty of anything.

But Christianity says that we are all born guilty to the same degree and that we must all be responsible for our own actions whatever our circumstances. So if Mr Blair is serious, he should stop talking about the "causes of crime" as if human beings had no choice but to be pushed and pulled by social forces.

And he should stop pretending that computers might be a substitute for conviction in the classroom. All of which could go down well with the electorate, but how will it play in Islington?



Crash ! Quite by accident one of Bunter's podgy fists swung round and caught Harry Wharton full on the nose. "Oh crumbs !" gasped the Owl of the Remove. Not for worlds would he have struck the captain of the Remove intentionally, for Wharton was the champion fighting man of the Remove, and Bunter was the champion funk.
— A Spin Doctor writes

Britain must try harder

Our economy may be growing, but in Asia it is growing even faster

William Rees-Mogg

The future of British policy, whether under John Major or Tony Blair, must be decided by the answer to this question: is the Thatcherite policy of deregulation, limitation of trade union power, privatisation, lower marginal tax rates and open markets the right way to make the British economy more competitive? Or would Britain become more competitive if we had higher public expenditure, higher tax rates, more bureaucracy, more regulation, stronger trade unions and more state intervention, like France?

The models are historic ones. The British one goes back to Adam Smith in the 18th century, the French goes back to Louis XIV and Colbert in the 17th century. Last month I offered a statistical table which suggested that Britain had been growing faster than other Group of Seven countries in the period since 1976. These statistics were mistaken; the source from which I took the table had misunderstood the method of calculation and I fell into the trap.

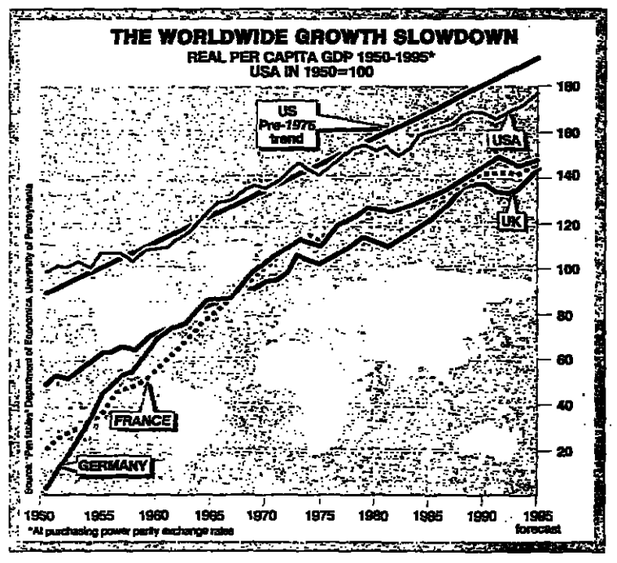
My article was followed by various offers of similar tables, all of which fell down on the problem of choosing a base year. By a happy coincidence, *The Times* business news on Tuesday published an article by Professor Robin Marris on the problem of low world growth and the development of the underclass. This was illustrated by a graph based on work by the Department of Economics at the University of Pennsylvania, showing the postwar growth of real gross domestic product per head in the United States, Germany, France and Britain. I reprint that graph because it allows people to judge for themselves how these economies have performed over the postwar period.

A number of conclusions seem clear. The first, as Professor Marris observes, is that American growth has been very disappointing. Between 1950 and 1995, a period of 45 years, real income per head in the US grew by only 78 per cent. No doubt that partly reflected the pre-eminent position of the US at the end of the war, and the catching up of other nations. But the US also had the opportunity to convert to postwar needs, and in 1950 was still showing some of the after-effects of the slump years of the 1930s.

During the postwar period, the US has been an increasingly regulated and relatively high-tax economy. An American friend recently observed that his combination of marginal income taxes and estate duty meant that he would pass on to his heirs only 17 per cent of any additional savings he might make. The comparable figure in Britain would be 36 per cent, which is itself no great encouragement to save. The postwar American growth rate, measured in this way, only comes to a little more than 1 per cent, which would double wealth one and a half times in a century.

The postwar British growth rate has been more satisfactory than the American one, though it is low by Asian standards. Since 1950, Britain's real GDP per head has grown by about 185 per cent, or at more than double the American rate. There was a small recovery element, but that only seems to have lasted until 1955, after which Britain's growth rate has been on a steady trend line of about 2 per cent. In contrast, Germany and France, starting from a lower base, had a longer and stronger recovery period. Germany caught up with Britain in the 1960s, and then overtook us; France caught up in the late 1960s, and also went ahead.

Unfortunately, the oil shock and inflation of the mid 1970s permanently altered the German and French trend line. Since that time they have only been growing at about the American rate; Britain has been closing the gap, particularly since 1982, the bottom of that recession. Britain did fall back in the recession of the 1990s, but has again been catching up. The graph does indeed show that Britain was underperforming against France and Germany until the mid 1970s, but that Britain has outperformed France and Germany since then, particularly in the period since the Thatcher reforms. That supports the contention that a deregulated, privatised economy is more competitive than a regulated and bureaucratised one.



In 1995, Britain's economic position remains far from perfect, but we are not suffering from the worst problems of other advanced economies, from the long-term low growth of the US, the high labour costs of Germany, the unemployment level of France, the high debt of Italy or the deflationary crisis in Japan.

Real GDP per head — probably the best single indicator — has grown faster in Britain in the last 15 years than in the US, Germany or France. Those economists who claim that Thatcherism was a failure are wrong.

Yet this should not conceal the fact that both Europe and America have been growing very slowly while Asia has been growing much faster. *The Economist* has just sent me a review copy of the 1996 edition of their *Pocket World in Figures*. This showed that the Asian countries had been raising their real GDP per head relative to the US very rapidly. These international comparisons are bound to be somewhat out of date, but the trend is clear. In 1992 China had 9 per cent of the American GDP per head; that rose to 13 per cent in 1993; Hong Kong 73 to 84; Japan 82 to 88; South Korea 31 to 38; Indonesia 10 to 12; Malaysia 29 to 33; Thailand 19 to 24. These are very big movements for one year, and they have to be measured against the long-term US growth rate of little over 1 per cent, or even the British growth rate of around 2 per cent.

This catching up process is inevitable, if only from the transfer of technology. But these are low-cost, and mostly, low-taxation countries. They are competitive tigers. Europe and the US have to make a much more rapid and extreme political and economic adjustment than our political leaders, or the whole political class have yet begun to realise. The European Union has a population of 350 million; the US 250 million; but these Asian economies have a combined population of 1.5 billion.

This challenge will either be met by a bureaucratic retreat — which I believe would be the suicide of the West — or a competitive advance. After 1979, Margaret Thatcher's free-market view and her competitive and open policies reversed Britain's declining trend relative to Europe. The same competitive policies are now needed to reverse the decline of Europe and North America relative to Asia.

Has OJ trial hurt blacks?

Ben Macintyre on a $10 million court soap opera

The OJ trial is over: has justice been done and been seen to be done? Or has it instead been seen *not* to be done by more people, in more elaborate detail, than any other trial in history?

In the minds of many the not guilty verdict delivered by a Los Angeles jury on Tuesday may seem blatantly wrong, but seen in the light of America's burgeoning crisis of self-doubt, it has a perverse if chilling logic, capping a half-decade in which cynicism has taken root in American life as never before.

This bizarre trial was not an isolated event, a mere aberration, but perhaps the ultimate symbolic expression of a society increasingly divided against itself and bitterly mistrustful of its institutions.

There will be no riots now and no burnt-out buildings, but a burnt-out legal system, looted by the American media in the name of showbusiness and advertising revenues, may take far longer to repair.

This was not a murder trial, in the end, but a race trial, pure and putrid. One juror has now even admitted that she believed Simpson was probably guilty, but voted to acquit him because detective Mark Fuhrman's racism and lying convinced her of the element of doubt. If she is representative of her fellow jurors, their verdict may be summed up by the contention that if Simpson was bad, the Los Angeles Police Department was possibly worse, the crime of racism outweighing, in these fractured times, that of double murder. Have we returned to the grim days when American juries made decisions based solely on the colour of their skins and those of the accused, rather than on the principles of justice?

Americans of every race have become convinced that the system does not work: millions watched Rodney King being brutally beaten by baton-wielding police but his attackers, at least initially, walked free; the evidence against O.J. Simpson, comparative to other murder cases, was overwhelming, yet he is now at liberty.

The widespread dismay and disenchantment following the sieges at Ruby Ridge and Waco are flip sides of the same tarnished coin, while the Oklahoma bombing proved definitively that there are men and women within America whose suspicion of government in all its manifestations has reached a critical, murderous level.

Fewer and fewer Americans vote, because fewer and fewer see any point. Many will remain convinced that Simpson and his lawyers, by evoking America's darkest racial resentments, have successfully bamboozled justice, parodied it, transformed it into soap opera and, ultimately, bought it for a $10 million fee.

Even Simpson's most avid supporters, one suspects, will not see the verdict as genuine proof of his innocence but as evidence that a black man, if he has sufficient cash and cachet, can beat the system.

The American jury system, and Judge Lance Ito in particular, must carry much of the burden for the fiasco just ended. By permitting cameras in the courtroom, Ito instantly destroyed any hope that Simpson, let alone Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman, would receive a dignified and balanced hearing.

Every character in the drama became a caricature, Disneyfied by the media mill: OJ the clown, Marcia Clark as Cruella de Ville, Fuhrman as the two-faced cop. One of the few things that can assuage America's sense of social dislocation is the drug of entertainment, and that is precisely what was provided.

Ito simply failed to control his own courtroom, permitting the defence to bog down proceedings and perhaps bore the jury into rebellion with a welter of largely irrelevant minutiae. The panel sat through nine months of virtual imprisonment (at least we had breaks for commercials) in the company of people they did not know before and did not like. They dropped out like flies, desperate to escape the hell of near-solitary confinement, and write their books.

In one sense the jury's verdict may be interpreted as a direct act of defiance aimed at the law itself. They took under five hours to reach a verdict or, to put it another way, less than one hour of deliberations for every 50 days of the case.

It is over, but at what a price? For white racists the OJ case will become a rallying point for malevolence; lawyers will be more tempted than ever to stack juries by colour coding; young black men will continue to troop into court in ever growing numbers, with thoughts of OJ in their minds but without his money in their pockets, and they will continue to be sent to jail and death row in greater numbers than whites convicted of the same crimes.

The OJ trial, filmed throughout in glorious Technicolor, has added fresh grist to the American mill of resentment and set the judicial clock racing back in time. Justice is composed of shades of grey, but in the searing glare of the court cameras we have returned to the stark days of black and white.

Doing bird

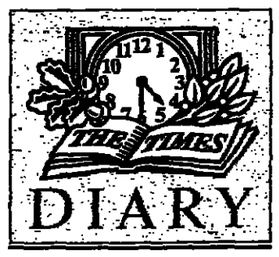
THERE is extraordinary excitement at the Natural History Museum in London where scientists have been scrutinising a specimen of amber more than 40 million years old. They believe they have discovered the world's oldest example of a bird dropping.

The organic material is contained in a tiny blob of orange amber from the Baltic which was acquired this summer from a Lithuanian dealer. Although similar to the specimens made famous by Steven Spielberg in *Jurassic Park*, it comes from a later period.

"It was a mass of bits of beetle stuck together. Closer inspection led me to the conclusion that, although it is only a small, splattered bird dropping, it must be the oldest vertebrate dropping in amber in the world. It is 40 million years old, from the Eocene period," says the curator of the Palaeontology department, Andrew Ross.



The ancient specimen: bats and birds battling for beetles



There are competing claims from the reptile department that the piece might be a lizard dropping; the bat section is also in a flap. But Ross is fighting beak and claw for his own theory. "I think it might have come from a woodpecker. It is the waste product of a fairly small bird and they do eat insects."

Left turn

LATEST recruit to Tony Blair's Labour luvvies appears to be the former Tory arts minister Lord Gowrie. At an Arts Council reception at the Brighton conference, the wire-haired chairman worked delegates and luvvies alike, suggesting that a change in government was needed.

"I tried to become a Labour councillor once, but they wouldn't have me," he said. "Governments change — and it is a thoroughly good thing that from time to time they do." Looking on with approval were the film producer David Puttnam and the actor Timothy West, whose wife, Prunella Scales, featured in Labour's party political broadcast.

Ed boy

THE JOKE at Cambridge University when Prince Edward was an undergraduate studying history was that his bodyguards, who sat in on lectures, were more intelligent than he was.

Stirling University is trying to make amends. He has been proposed as the university's next honorary president and students will choose between him and another candidate (a mature student and SNP sympathiser) later this month.

The prince has confirmed by fax that he would happily accept the figurehead post which should entail a visit to the university at least four times a year.

Predecessors have a patchy attendance record. The outgoing office holder, a Radio 1 disc jockey by the name of Pete Tong, has yet to set foot on the campus, although he did manage to mention the university on air.

● *The stale, curly-edged British Rail sandwich is no longer now that the company's catering division has been privatised. To announce the change, the new caterers dispatched British Rail butties to journalists. They were all past their sell-by date.*

Goodbye

THE CURSE of the *Hello!*, the gushing glossy with an unenviable record of bringing nemesis on the stars it profiles, struck again this week. Four colour pages in the current edition are devoted to *River-dance* star Michael Flatley, described as "the West End's highest paid performer".

Copies hit the newsstands on Tuesday claiming, in rhapsodic prose, that Flatley had signed a new contract for £50,000 a week and would also collect a portion of the show's royalties. That evening, it was reported that Flatley was unable to agree terms and had been dropped from the show.

● *Where were you when O.J. was found "not guilty"? Commuters on London Underground yesterday will remember exactly within seconds of the verdict the intercom on a Central Line spluttered into life when a guard broke the news to passengers.*



"Once you know who it is you've got to let them off"

Loco hero

THE Reverend W. Awdry was back on the rails yesterday. At the age of 83, the creator of Thomas the Tank Engine has himself become a train. InterCity has named one of its new 225 trains after him.

The Reverend W. Awdry left King's Cross at 12.30pm and hurtled to Newcastle at speeds of up to 140mph. Unfortunately, the author was unable to make the journey.

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THE PARIS ROAD

Out of the Maastricht maze and into a new Europe

The belief that France and Germany will drift once more into conflict unless they are tightly bound together has dominated Europe's political geography for a generation. For Germany this anxiety was best summed up in Thomas Mann's famous call in 1947 for "a European Germany, not a German Europe". France's response was to set its foreign policy compass by "the construction of Europe". Today, however, with the gulf between Helmut Kohl and Jacques Chirac ever more openly acknowledged, a massive upset in the political gravity of Western Europe lies ahead. Paris is at its centre.

There has been an implicit bargain in the creation of this Franco-German axis — that of German horse and French rider. Postwar Germany was prepared to accept that the price of reconciliation was a Europe designed in Paris, a *jardin à la française*. France's aim was simple, and entirely compatible with its profound sense of statehood: a strong Europe with weak institutions, where the strong national governments remain firmly at the controls.

But in 1990, there was an abrupt shift in the relative weight of the two partners in the Franco-German marriage. Until German unification, no French politician imagined for a moment that Europe might instead evolve as a geographical extension of the unique federal political model of postwar Germany. France's solution was monetary union. This autumn, it is not only monetary union, but the European political equation implied by it, that appears to be slipping from its grasp.

France is a deeply conservative country, historically held together by powerful centralising rulers, by pride in being a great nation and by a formidable talent for the unswerving pursuit of national interest. Far from representing a departure from France's fiercely independent political traditions, monetary union was a strategy to enhance French power by binding the economic power of a united Germany into a new political partnership. The Germany of Herr Kohl signed up to the sacrifice of the mark in order to reassure its neighbours, east and west, that its new power would be harnessed to a common political project.

But now there is rising concern in Germany that France is not prepared to pay Herr Kohl's twin price for parting with the mark: rigorous fiscal discipline; and a common foreign and security policy to offset Germany's lonely eminence in central Europe. The French, in turn, are no longer confident that Herr Kohl can or will override the Bundesbank and popular opposition to force through a single currency in 1999. German revulsion at France's nuclear tests has intensified an already perilous atmosphere of mutual distrust; its protests are countered in France by increasingly public muttering that Germany is a political dwarf that has suddenly grown too fast.

The Franco-German axis is unsteady. M Chirac is frank about it, saying that while it remains important, it is no longer "sufficient" to maintain Europe in political balance. If a new equilibrium is to be struck, Britain cannot play the spectator. Nor can it safely treat the debate over post-Maastricht Europe as a question of minor adjustments to the Maastricht treaty. However unworkable Britain rightly believes monetary union to be, new energising principles for Europe will be needed to contain the political strains which a collapse, or even a deferral, of the project would impose.

A rapid eastward expansion of the EU is one way to repair Europe's political fabric and ease Germany's security concerns; another would be the semi-reintegration of France with Nato. To persuade France to accept both policies, Germany needs Britain's help. In turn, Bonn should accept the maintenance, in an enlarged Europe, of a national veto in EU counsels when vital national interests are at stake. Some such pattern of exchanges offers escape from the Maastricht maze — and a road to a Europe with which the British can truly be at ease.

RELATIVE VICTORY

Blair's education policy is better for Labour than for Britain

Tony Blair won decisive and deserved backing from the Labour Party conference yesterday for his modernising education policy. In his speech on Tuesday, the Opposition leader took a calculated gamble by emphasising the role of the classroom in his vision for a rejuvenated nation. A Labour Government, he promised, would champion standards and school discipline. Bad teachers "should not be teaching at all". Britain would have to improve its woeful performance in international education league tables.

Like all New Labour policy, this approach can be interpreted in two ways: relative and absolute. Relatively speaking, it is a remarkable step forward. Labour is the party of the public sector unions and the education establishment; a high proportion of the delegates to its conference are teachers or school governors. Until recently, its opposition to the Tory education reforms has been implacable. Mr Blair and his education spokesman, David Blunkett, should be congratulated for bringing the party so far in little more than a year.

Yet in absolute terms, Labour's educational policy remains deeply flawed. It is one thing to ask how the party's policies have shifted, and quite another to ask whether such policies would be good for schools. Yesterday Roy Hattersley argued that the leadership's plans for the grant-maintained sector were "a lifeline" for opted out schools. The trouble is that the opposite is true.

Wholesale restoration of grant-maintained schools to local authority control may have been ruled out. But the new structure of "foundation" schools proposed by Labour is still a threat to those schools which have already chosen to leave town hall control or would like to do so. It is impossible to be half opted-out. Under Labour's proposals, each foundation school would have to appoint two local authority governors; 10 per cent of its funding would be retained by the local council; its admissions policy would be dictated by town hall bureaucrats. Above all, parents would lose the right to choose whether their school was controlled by the local authority or not. Benign language cannot disguise the fact that this is a major step backward.

Such a reform would also prevent schools from becoming selective if they wished. Under present arrangements, an opted-out school can apply to the Education and Employment Department to change its admissions policy where appropriate. Mr Blair made clear on Tuesday that he opposes academic selection. He also opposes "social selection", presumably a reference to the connection between high property prices and high academic performance. It is hard to see what any Government, Labour or Conservative, could do about this linkage.

Most regrettable was Mr Blair's promise to abolish the Assisted Places Scheme, which allows children from deprived backgrounds to go to independent schools, and to spend half the savings on reducing class sizes. This encapsulates the envious mentality which still pervades Labour's education policy. On the one hand, the party proposes to deny bright but disadvantaged children an opportunity to rise above their circumstances; on the other, it perpetuates the myth that the problem with our education is a lack of resources and that smaller classes will resolve difficulties of the past. Does Mr Blair really believe this? If so, he may be in for a shock.

SHOCK FATIGUE

Hyperbole can only damage a worthy cause

Competition for the charity pound has never been so fierce or so sophisticated. Even the best known causes are having to fight general "compassion fatigue" as well as rival campaigns. But this desperate race to seize the popular conscience cannot justify wilful deceit or tasteless exaggeration in charity advertising.

In its new report, the *Advertising Standards Authority* upholds complaints against well-known charities: Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace and the International Fund for Animal Welfare. In the case of Friends of the Earth, the ASA criticised an advertisement that featured a mahogany lavatory seat overflowing with blood. The film implied that the manufacture of all mahogany furniture resulted in loss of life, with the statement: "If the Brazilian Indians who own the trees don't want to sell them they can pay with their lives." The ASA found no evidence of a link between the logging industry and mass murder of Brazilian Indians.

Greenpeace was criticised by the ASA for a newspaper advertisement that showed a photograph of the genitals of a male statue with the headline "You're not half the man your father was". The claim made was that chemicals dumped in the sea were causing shrinkage of the modern male penis, a reduction in sperm count, testicular cancer and urethral abnormalities. The ASA found that there was no conclusive proof of a causal link between pollutants and the male health problems cited by Greenpeace. Once again, an advertisement had gone beyond the facts in its quest for sensational impact.

The case of the International Fund for Animal Welfare was more complex. It seems to be engaged in a long-running war of attrition with the British Field Sports Society. Some advertisements simply gave vivid and contentious accounts of how animals were treated by huntsmen. The ASA picked its way through the conflicting evidence. But the charity's case proved to be weakest where it was most impressionistic: in its likening of huntsmen to sadistic murderers.

All three of these charities are pressure groups which aim to influence public policy. As such, their activities and promotional campaigns verge on the political. But many charities, perhaps under the influence of aggressive advertising agencies, are choosing to go for "shock" campaigns that make deliberate use of hyperbole. As the ASA comments, some charities argue that competition from the National Lottery makes sensational campaigning more necessary. But the danger is that the credibility of charitable causes will be devalued by this cheapening of their image. This form of advertising can have only diminishing returns: when a knowing public becomes immune to hyperbole, shock fatigue will join compassion fatigue as an obstacle to charitable giving.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Windfall tax plans 'penalise success'

From Mr George R. J. Guise

Sir, Privatisation has been an enormous success. Utilities now deliver their product at constant or falling real prices with far greater efficiency and customer support than ever. Enormous wealth has been created. Indeed, the present argument about how that wealth should be distributed among owners, management and customers, is ample evidence that the wealth is there to be squabbled over.

Between 1986 and 1990, as a member of the Prime Minister's Policy Unit, I was closely involved in many of the privatisations currently reaping such benefit for the nation. I well remember the exhaustive and even pedantic scrutiny with which leading merchant banks and stockbrokers examined the detailed operating and financial projections at the time prospectuses were written and prices set.

What no one anticipated — and I am referring to the finest financial brains in the City as well as politicians and civil servants — was the enormous improvement in delivery which privatisation would catalyse.

Investors who bought shares on those prospectuses were wise and reaped subsequent wealth. However, there were no warnings about potential clawbacks by the original vendor in the event of exceptional profits. Sometimes, a buyer and seller recognise that neither knows the ultimate value of the product being sold and therefore agree a clawback or sweetener if subsequent events should prove that the item was underpriced.

No such arrangements were made for the utilities sold in the Eighties. For the Government retroactively to achieve that effect by abusing its powers of taxation would and should devalue its credentials in the eyes of every past, present and future investor.

Because of Crown immunity, we are not given to suing the Government in Britain; but there are many American and overseas investors who would do exactly that if subsequent events prove a prospectus false. A windfall tax, as advocated by your newspaper (leading articles, September 18, 22 and 30; see also letters, September 21, 23 and 30), would certainly help Treasury coffers in the short term. It might even buy votes from the envy-driven classes; but it would shatter the credibility of the same Conservative Government that acted as vendor.

There is enormous privatisation activity all over the world and international investors do not have to come to Britain. The Government will nevertheless expect to see them when Railtrack and the nuclear companies come to market.

However, they would be well advised to stay away if that same Government were now to blow its credibility as an honourable vendor by filling its coffers through penalising the success of others.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE GUISE,
90 Long Acre, WC2.
October 3.

Tory candidates

From Mrs Elizabeth Dodsworth

Sir, My own experience does not bear out the research into the age of Conservative Party members quoted by Mrs Caroline Strafford (letter, October 2).

Richmond, North Yorkshire, selected as their candidate William Hague at the age of 27 from a list of over 300 applicants. At the age of 34 he is now the youngest member of the Cabinet since Harold Wilson. Many of the other applicants of a similar age have since been selected for other Conservative seats and are active participants in the affairs of our country. In Richmond the average age of the initial selection committee was just over 50 with two members under 30 years of age.

Contrary to Mrs Strafford's assertion that the Conservative Party is undemocratic, its guidelines have only one purpose, to ensure a democratic selection procedure. Each association is autonomous and the final choice of candidates rests with the members of that association.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH DODSWORTH,
Well Hall,
Well, Bedale, North Yorkshire.
October 3.

From Mr John L. Marshall, MP for Hendon South (Conservative)

Sir, I was surprised to read in your report today that I might be a possible contender to succeed Steve Norris.

The selection meeting for the new Finchley and Golders Green constituency, which includes the bulk of my former Hendon South constituency, is due to take place on Wednesday, November 1.

I have made it clear that I am seeking to stay loyal to those constituents who have stood by me and enabled me to increase my majority at two general elections. I am therefore not seeking selection elsewhere.

When asked by a member of another association to apply for nomination in his constituency I flatly refused to do so.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN L. MARSHALL,
House of Commons.
October 2.

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Cuts in funding for medical research

From Professor J. F. Lamb, Chairman, the Save British Science Society

Sir, Just as a significant advance in curbing Aids is announced (report, September 26) our Government is busily cutting the funding for this and related research, while misleading the public about it.

At a press conference on May 22, attended by John Major, Michael Heseltine (then at the DTI) and David Hunt (then Minister for Science), it was claimed that the Government was allocating an additional £40 million through the Office of Science and Technology and £70 million from the DTI over the next three years to fund medical and other projects associated with the Technology Foresight programme for improving links between the universities and industry.

However, the Save British Science Society has calculated that in real terms the actual combined allocations show a decrease of £72 million over this period, not an increase. This means, for instance, that nearly three quarters of the Medical Research Council's most highly rated research projects cannot be funded.

While SBS strongly supports the Foresight initiative, we strongly deplore the fact that money for this exercise is being removed from research council budgets. The councils are meanwhile being pressed to fund short-term projects rather than investigate basic problems — despite the fact (cited by Nigel Hawkes in his article of September 26, "Can money find an Aids cure?") that the speed of identifying HIV as the causal agent resulted from earlier research "funded out of curiosity".

By these actions the Government is denying the electorate the benefits expected to flow from medical research, as well as destroying the seed-corn of Britain's future. It is sad that a politician's word cannot be trusted unless supported by independent evidence.

Yours etc,
JOE LAMB,
Chairman,
The Save British Science Society,
Box 241, Oxford OX1 3QQ.
October 2.

Stonehenge plans

From Sir George Young, Secretary of State for Transport

Sir, I was disappointed to see your one-sided attack on the Government over the Stonehenge issue ("Stones of shame", leading article, September 29). This was quite unjustified, given that the Department of Transport is consulting all the interested parties on this very sensitive road scheme.

DoT is looking forward to an open discussion at the planning conference to be held between November 6 and 10 in Salisbury, under the independent chairmanship of the engineering consultant, Mr Robin Wilson.

The purpose of the conference is not to promote any particular solution, but to consider the possible solutions to the manifest problem. Neither the department nor the Highways Agency has any preconceived ideas on the outcome.

I am sorry that Jocelyn Stevens of English Heritage has not welcomed the idea of an open planning conference, but I hope he will make full use of the opportunity it presents to him and others to present alternative ideas and to seek consensus on the most appropriate solution.

For our part, we and the agency stand ready to consider constructively the recommendations that emerge from the conference. We do not see it as our role to try to reach decisions before the conference begins.

I very much welcome Jocelyn Stevens's participation in this debate, but I am afraid he has substantially misrepresented the role of the Department of Transport in it. And you, Sir, seem to have accepted his account without question.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE YOUNG,
Department of Transport,
Great Minster House,
76 Marsham Street, SW1.
October 2.

From Mr K. A. Gaskell

Sir, As an occasional traveller on the A303 I am impelled to take issue with you before you condemn us to be plunged into a £27 million tunnel at just that moment when Stonehenge comes into view and our spirits are uplifted by a glorious sight, good on the western approach and quite staggering from the Amesbury side.

As a young man, sixty years or so ago, I would approach the stones without let or hindrance to touch and feel their texture; but I am not sure that the pleasure was any the greater.

Perhaps well-placed picnic sites beside the A303 would enable us to dally and to increase the pleasure at little cost and without interfering with the stones.

Yous etc,
K. A. GASKELL,
Chamings, Higher Street,
Merriott, Somerset.

Lottery benefits

From Mr Denis Vaughan

Sir, The report we published yesterday (report, September 29) proposed a rearrangement of charitable funding from the National Lottery, not its total abolition.

We show in our report that the Treasury gains more from the increased economic activity generated by lottery money being invested in sport and the arts than by its direct 12 per cent tax. Therefore, to the 28 per cent of the lottery turnover presently going to good causes we propose adding the Treasury's 12 per cent.

The report goes on to propose that 80 per cent of this good-cause money should go to the National Lottery Charities Board, leaving the minimum 5 per cent required by law to each of the other four beneficiaries. This restores the lottery to the shape proposed for it by the 1978 Rothschild Royal Commission on Gambling.

The reason the lottery was founded was to improve the quality of life through new facilities for leisure pursuits, mainly arts and sports. The recognised effect of this is to help fight the invasion of drugs and crime into the lives of young people. The NLCB should give this clear profile to the lottery.

By making sure that the bulk of its payments go to recreation and those aspects of sport which are charitable, and all those artistic activities which keep the young away from a life of boredom, the lottery can have, within quite a short time, a beneficial effect in most of the homes of the people who actually play it.

Yours etc,
DENIS VAUGHAN
(Executive Director),
The Lottery Promotion Company Ltd,
41 Floral Street, WC2.
September 29.

'Rock' verdict

From Mr Roger Bolton

Sir, In your report (September 28) on the European Court of Human Rights' decision in the *Death on the Rock* case [see also letters, October 3] you accused the Thames TV programme of having "greatly muddied" the evidence. We did no such thing. We discovered fresh evidence and new witnesses.

At the end of our programme, which produced worrying questions which have still not been satisfactorily answered, a leading QC suggested that a British judicial inquiry was the best way of resolving these doubts. If the Government has such faith in the superiority of British justice compared to that of the European court, why doesn't it institute such an inquiry?

You also raised the question of whether Thames TV lost its franchise because of *Death on the Rock*. It certainly made it more difficult for Thames to win back that franchise, but if Thames had bid more money than Carlton it would have done so.

Yours sincerely,
ROGER BOLTON
(Editor, *This Week*, 1986-1989),
Roger Bolton Productions,
122-128 Arlington Road, NW1.
September 28.

Allure of Azores

From Ms Liz Waskett

Sir, It was a joy to read Matthew Parris's views on islands (article, October 2) and I hope it discourages prospective visitors to the Azores.

Thankfully we all march to the beat of a different drum and some of us will recognise many lesser-known islands are a haven in our tough, aggressive world.

There are many Azorian locals who, for their working lives, have emigrated to the crime-ridden, stressful streets of Europe and the United States in a bid to earn enough to be able to retire to their quiet islands.

I want to join them, admire their hydrangeas and appreciate the lifestyle.

Keep on writing your views, Mr Parris, and the discerning will keep the secret of the islands.

Yours,
LIZ WASKETT,
Common Farm, Damerham,
Nr Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

Short rations

From Mrs Helen C. W. Smelt

Sir, I, too, dislike being deprived of my third initial (letters, September 23, October 2).

The NHS has a variation. Both my GP's surgery and the local hospital give as much of first names as their computers can accommodate: thus my third name, Witham, has become "With".

What is the legal position when my signature — as below — differs from the name various organisations bestow?

Yours faithfully,
HELEN C. W. SMELT,
7 St Hilda's Road,
Hexham, Northumberland.
October 2.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 0171-782 5046.

Who shall we put on our pedestals?

From Dr Brian Porter

Sir, Lord Thomas of Swynnerton's idea that we should do more to commemorate the country's greatest writers (letter, September 30) is much to be welcomed, but to do so at the expense of the statues of our Victorian dukes and generals would impoverish the public stock of harmless pleasure. The Duke of Cambridge in Whitehall, for instance, is sheer Osbert Lancaster.

As for Marlowe, is not the proper place for his statue Canterbury, where he was born? Hitherto lacking any statue of a public figure (cathedral sculptures apart), Canterbury may at last get one. A move is afoot to erect in the city a double statue of Ethelbert, greatest of the Kentish kings, and his queen, Bertha, daughter of the King of Paris.

Without their patronage Augustine's mission to bring Christianity to the English could hardly have succeeded. Canterbury, Kent, and England — and indeed ultimately the English-speaking world — owe to this royal pair a whole civilisation.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN PORTER,
Rutherford College,
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Faculty of Social Sciences,
Canterbury CT2 7NX.
October 1.

From Professor J. C. Higgins

Sir, Lord Thomas is surely overdoing it with his seven great writers. Three or four perhaps, but what about our scientists? Britain will also be remembered for, say, Newton, Faraday and Darwin, so please put them on pedestals too.

Yours etc,
J. C. HIGGINS,
36 Station Road,
Baildon, Shipley, West Yorkshire.

From Mr M. I. Webb

Sir, Lord Thomas of Swynnerton's suggestions concerning replacements for existing statues might be thought to be frivolous, but he did resist the thought of replacing Nelson's statue in Trafalgar Square by T. S. Eliot's. That would have put the cat amongst the pigeons.

Yours sincerely,
MAURICE WEBB,
Smiddy House,
Eyemouth, Berwickshire.
October 1.

Eye of the beholder

From Mr Henry Mee

Sir, Pleased as I was that your respected critic Richard Cork wrote about my painting of HRH The Princess of Wales ("Sitting, but not pretty", September 29) I can't help feeling that he should have had the benefit of actually seeing the work before writing about it.

The area of white paint that he suggested should have been painted out as soon as it made the canvas was in fact blue. A small point, but one which indicates that the quality of the reproduction on which he based his comments was poor.

Mr Cork will be well aware that tonal relationships can profoundly alter the way the drawing is perceived.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY MEE,
14 Lloyd Square, WC1.
October 1.

Time travel

From the Reverend J. C. Puddefoot

Sir, The atoms which currently make up my body were once certainly constituents of other bodies. If I were to travel back in time with the same body (report and leading article, October 2), those atoms would need to be in two places at once. If this is impossible, so is time travel into the past.

Yours faithfully,
J. C. PUDDEFOOT
(Head of Mathematics, Eton College),
Benson House, Willowbrook,
Eton, Windsor, Berkshire.

From Mr Alan Bird

Sir, You report that time travel is now theoretically feasible. If all the resources of the world could be poured into sending one expedition into the past, what should be its aim?

A prime contender must be to murder Hitler or some other monster in infancy. But how could anyone resist the idea of sending Schubert a cure for his syphilis?

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BIRD,
3 Trinity Cottages, Richmond, Surrey.
October 3.

So it must be true

From the Reverend Wilfrid Moss

Sir, It is often wise to believe what one reads in the newspapers (letter, September 28). The great England and Lancashire cricket captain, Archie MacLaren (1871-1944), on an occasion when he was given out lbw, turned to the umpire and said: "That was never out." The latter replied: "You look in the *Evening News*, Mr MacLaren".

Yours faithfully,
WILFRID M. MOSS,
4 West View Close,
Middlezoy, Bridgwater, Somerset.
October 1.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
October 4: The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Lady Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 4: The Princess Royal today attended a Luncheon for Members of the Waitangi Foundation at Government House, Wellington, New Zealand.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 4: The Prince of Wales was represented by Sir John Riddell, Bt, at the Memorial Service for Sir Hugh Dundas (formerly Chairman, The Prince's Youth Business Trust) which was held in St Luke's Church, London SW3, today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 4: The Duchess of Gloucester was present this evening at a Reception and Screening of the film *Henry V* in aid of West London Action for Children and Save the Children (Kensington) at the Royal Geographical Society, Kensington Gore, London SW7.
Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 4: The Duchess of Kent was represented by Mrs Fiona Henderson at the Memorial Service for Sir Hugh Dundas which was held at St Luke's Church, Sydney Street, London SW3 today.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will visit Gordonstoun School, Elgin, at 11.15.

Princess Margaret will attend a gala performance of *Carmen* at the London Coliseum at 7.25 in aid of the 125th birthday appeal of the British Red Cross Society.

Prince Edward, as patron, will attend the naming ceremony of *Team Spirit of Wight*, an Ocean Youth Club training vessel, at St Katharine's Dock, E1, at 11.30, and later will attend a luncheon at Trinity House.

The Princess Royal will open an extension, The Trinity Project, at Matson Neighbourhood Project, Matson Lane, Gloucester, at 3.25; and, as Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, will open St Oswald's resource centre and respite care facility for people with learning disabilities, Archdeacon Street, Gloucester, at 2.30.

Bromley High School GPDST

Entrance Scholarships for the year 1995-6 have been awarded as follows:

At 11 plus: Ceris Clarke (St Mark's); Laura Grant (BHS); *Sarah O'Connell (St James')*; Eleanor Robins (Riverston); Clare Williams (BHS, Music); Sarah Leonard (BHS, Medlock).

Other Awards: Emma Howick, Sara Khosla, Victoria Kinahan (BHS, Fern Bank).

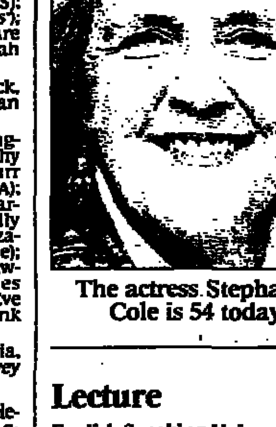
To the sixth form: Lucia Ring-Watkins (BHS); Veronica Murphy (BHS, Jubilee); Catherine Burr (BHS, Olive Sladden OGA); Eleanor Warman (BHS, McCarter); Elizabeth Cumming, Sally Wharmough (BHS, Sports); Elizabeth Barrett (BHS, Hickie); Jennifer Bizley (BHS, Shaw-Cotterill); Jennifer Davies (Langley Park, Music); Eve Cooper, Chloe Lewis (BHS, Bank of America).

Other Awards: Mirenchu Garcia, *Sophie Harding (BHS, Harvey* Award for Music).

Harvest Thanksgiving was celebrated by Rev Dagmar Winter, St Mark's, Bromley, on October 4. The Guest of Honour at Prize-Giving on November 10 will be Mrs R.L. Deech, Principal, St Anne's College, Oxford. Open Day is Saturday, October 7 and the Sixth form scholarship examinations for entry in 1996 will be written on November 4. The main school play *The Crucible* will be performed on December 12 and 13 and the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, at Bromley Parish Church, will close the term on December 15. Sarah Hughes and Jessica Neilson continue as co-head girls. Details of the Oakdene Lecture programme are available from the School.

Birthdays today

Sir Raymond Appleyard, biologist, 73; Mr Robin Bailey, actor, 76; Mr John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, 51; Professor Sir Malcolm Brown, geologist, 70; Mr Ray Clemence, footballer, 47; Mr Sebastian de Ferranti, former chairman, Ferranti, 68; Sir John Dent, former chairman, Civil Aviation Authority, 72; Mr Bob Geldof, rock singer and initiator of Band Aid, 44; the Right Rev Robert Hardy, Bishop of Lincoln, 59; Mr Václav Havel, President of the *Czech Republic*, 59; *Lord* Holderness, 75; Miss Elly Jansen, founder, Richmond Fellowship, 66; Miss Glynis Johns, actress, 72; Mr Robert Kee, broadcaster, 76; Mr Herbert Kretzmer, journalist and lyricist, 70; Mrs Kate Losinska, trade unionist, 71; Mr David Mellor, silversmith and designer, 65; Mr Bruce Millan, former MP, 68; Sir Edward Peck, diplomat, 80; Sir Douglas Ranger, otolaryngologist, 79; Mr Richard Rosser, trade unionist, 51; Mr Timothy Smith, MP, 48; Sir Richard Thompson, former MP, 83; Mr Dave Watson, footballer, 49.



The actress Stephanie Cole is 54 today

Lecture

English-Speaking Union

Mrs Stella Rimington, Director-General, Security Service, delivered a lecture to the English-Speaking Union at Skinners' Hall *yesterday. Baroness Brigstocke*, chairman, presided. Professor Alan Watson also spoke.

Service luncheon

Sudan Defence Force

Sir Donald Hawley presided at the annual luncheon of the Sudan Defence Force Dinner Club held yesterday at the Army & Navy Club. The guest of honour was Lieutenant-Colonel C.R.D. Gray.

Portrait revives legend of art impresario

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

THE MAAS GALLERY



The self-portrait of Sir Coutts Lindsay, flamboyant gallery owner and dilettante

A LONDON dealer has discovered a rare and important self-portrait by one of the most influential figures of the Victorian art world, a colourful dilettante who gave masters such as Whistler and Burne-Jones their first big exhibitions.

The image shows Sir Coutts Lindsay, an aristocrat described as one of the most handsome men of his day who founded the once-famous Grosvenor Gallery. As a gathering place for the high society of the day, visitors included Oscar Wilde.

It was in this Mayfair gallery, established as an alternative to the Royal Academy, that John Ruskin, the celebrated critic, saw Whistler's *Falling Rocket* and attacked it as "flinging a pot of paint in the public's face".

His comment that its price, 200 guineas, was an outrage led to a celebrated trial. Under cross-examination, Whistler's wit and flamboyance became a matter of public record: when asked how he could have charged 200 guineas for a painting that took two days to "knock off", Whistler replied: "I ask it for the knowledge of a lifetime."

Such was the gallery's standing in Victorian England that it inspired a line in Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, *Patience*. They used it to describe an aesthete: *"A greenery-yallery, Grosvenor Gallery, foot-in-the-grave young man"*.

Lindsay was a flamboyant figure whose activities included amateur artist, soldier and philanderer — he fathered three illegitimate children. He began the gallery in 1877 with family money and more than 7,000 people came to the opening.

Rupert Maas, who deals in Pre-Raphaelite and romantic British art, ignored an incorrect cataloguing for a Sotheby's New York auction, and acquired it for a few thousand dollars. He spotted it among 600 pictures catalogued as British School, circa 1860. "There aren't any other portraits of him in maturity. No pictures by him are known to have survived, despite his having exhibited 67 of his own pictures during his lifetime."

Mr Maas said that the Laing Art Gallery in Newcastle is planning an *exhibition* on the Grosvenor Gallery next year, and that Cambridge University Press has just published a study on it: "People don't otherwise remember patrons and impresarios because their achievements are ephemeral. Whistler and Burne-Jones are hugely popular today because their paintings can be seen and admired. But Lindsay gave them their first chance to have their work seen by a wide audience."

Memorial service

Sir Hugh Dundas

The Prince of Wales was represented by Sir John Riddell at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Hugh Spencer Lisle Dundas held yesterday at St Luke's, Sydney Street, SW3. The Duchess of Kent was represented by Mrs Fiona Henderson. The Rev Derek Watson officiated. Sir Edward Pickering and the Marquess of Zetland read the lessons. Lord Oaksey, brother-in-law, gave an address. Among others present were:

The Hon Lady Dundas (widow), Mr and Mrs James Dundas (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Thomas Service (son-in-law and daughter), Miss Sally Dundas (daughter), Clare Dundas, Katie Service and Louisa Service (granddaughters), the Dowager Lady Muir (sister), Mr and Mrs Maurice Snowden (brother-in-law and sister), Sir Philip and the Hon Lady Adams (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Lieutenant-Colonel Burnaby-Atkins (brother-in-law), Lady Oaksey (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Ian Muir, Mr Robert Muir, Mr and Mrs Andrew Muir, Sir Philip and the Hon Lady Adams, Mrs Walter Goetz.

Diana Duchess of Newcastle, Penelope Marchioness of Zetland, the Marchioness of Zetland, the Earl of Ronaldshay, the Dowager Countess of Westmorland, Lord and Lady Mark Fitzalan-Howard, Lady Ivor Spencer-Churchill, Viscount and Viscountess Ingleby, Viscount Churchill, Lord Westbury, Lord Boardman, Lord and Lady Annaly, Lord and Lady Orr-Ewing, Lord King of Wartnaby, Lord Denman, Lady Dacre, Lord *Gilmour of Craigmillar*, Field-Marshal Lord Carver and Lady Carver, Baroness Sharples, Lord Hunt of Tanworth, Lord and Lady Killearn, Lady Grimthorpe, Air Commodore Sir Hector Monro (Honorary Inspector General, Royal Auxiliary Air Force) and Lady Monro, Sir Nicholas Scott, MP, Sir Christopher Chataway, the Hon Mrs Dawnay, the Hon Diana Makgill, Lady Juliet de Chair, Lady Jane Bethell.

The Hon Mrs King, the Hon Ray and Mrs Bonham Carter, the Hon Mrs Simon Howard, the Hon Hugh and Mrs Astor, the Hon Robert Orr-Ewing, the Hon D A and Mrs Pease, Mr David and the Hon Mrs Pryce-Jones, Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter Vanneck, the Hon Mrs Mark Wyndham, Sir James and Lady Baird, Lady Ramsden, Sir John and Lady Aird, Sir James Harvie-Watt, Sir Michael Culme-Seymour, Sir *Dermot and Lady de Trafford*, General Sir David Fraser (also representing the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire) and Lady Fraser, Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris (Battle of Britain Fighter Association) and Lady Foxley-Norris, Air Chief Marshal Sir Kenneth Cross (The Desert Air Force), Lieutenant-General Sir James and the Hon Lady Wilson, Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert and Lady Freer, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Aiken (Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund and the RAF Association) and Lady Aiken, Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling (chairman, Douglas Bader Foundation), and Lady Crowley-Milling.

Lady Pickering, Lady Sandilands, Sir John Beith, Sir Peter and Lady Miles, Lady Aitken, Sir Paul Wright, Sir John Read, Lady Allen, Lady Abrahams, *Sir Roger Gibbs*, Lady Baring, Lady Heath, Sir Adrian Swire, Sir Martin and Lady Jacomb, Sir Hugh Cubitt and Lady Cubitt (representing The Grange Centre), Sir Timothy and Lady Bevan, Dame Felicity Peake, Sir Peter Matthews, Sir Stewart Crawford, Sir Carron and Lady Greig, Lady Dodds-Parker, Lady Bayliss, Sir Paul Fox, Lady McIndoe, Sir John Milne, Lady Dugdale, Sir Michael Craig-Cooper (president, Kensington and Chelsea Conservative Association), Sir Bernard and Lady Audley, Wing-Commander G L and Lady Bridget Sinclair, Lieutenant-Colonel James and the Hon Mrs Innes, Mr Richard and the Hon Mrs Palmer, Mr Nicholas and Lady Julia Harvey.

The Lord Lieutenant of Surrey and Mrs Thornton, Prince and Princess Emanuel Galitzine, Baron Vaes, *Major-General and Mrs A L* Watson, Air Vice-Marshal J E "Johnnie" Johnson, Air Commodore John Sowrey, Group Captain John Cunningham, Wing Commander F B "Laddie" Lucas and Mrs Lucas, Major-General R Broke, Brigadier C D Daukes, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs J C Daukes, Colonel and Mrs G T R Birdwood, Squadron Leader J P Slade, Mr Marmaduke Hussey, Mr *Colin S Wills, Mrs Peter Cazalet*, Mr John Snowden, Mr and Mrs Hugh Bethell, Ms Charlotte Burnaby-Atkins, Mr Justin Adams, Mr Christopher Peake, Mr and Mrs David Peake, Mr Tim Rathbone, MP, and Mrs Rathbone, Mr and Mrs Peter O'Sullevan, Mr and Mrs John Profumo, Mr and Mrs Richard Dunn, Mr and Mrs David Banks, Mr Arthur Brittenden, Mrs Alexander Lindsay, Mr Arthur Packham, Mrs Julian Berry, *Mr Derek Thomas, Mr Peter Johnson*, Mr John Smoker, Mr Nicholas Mellersh, Mr Alistair Horne, Mr Mark Snowden, Mr Paul Rossi, Mr Mark Havelock-Allen, QC, Miss Henrietta Garnett, Mr and Mrs David Wentworth-Stanley, Mrs Philip Astley, Mr Christopher Stewart-Smith, Mr and Mrs Jack Snowden, Mr and Mrs George Cooper, Mr Anthony Tuck, Mr and Mrs Jeremy Spurling, Mrs Fredy Fisher, Mr R E Hadingham, Mr Arthur Kent, Mr James Nicoll, Mr P D J Hippisley-Cox, Mr John Holbech, Mrs Brian FitzGerald, Mr Robin Phipps, Mrs Thomas St Aubyn, Mrs Clare de Haahn, Mr B Dibb, Mr and Mrs R M Denny, Mr and Mrs David Dickson, Mr and Mrs John Henderson, Mr James Eaton, Mr and Mrs Nicholas Wills, Mr John Whimey, Mr Michael Williams.

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Confederate submarine discovered

By Norman Hammond
Archaeology Correspondent

THE first submarine to sink an enemy warship in battle has been found, buried in silt off the coast of South Carolina. Built during the American Civil War over 130 years ago, the Confederate ship *H.L. Huntley* was sunk in 1864.

The submarine was named after its inventor, Horace L. Huntley, who set to work when the Confederate Government offered a reward for the destruction of Union ships. He used an iron locomotive boiler for the hull, which was 40 ft long.

It was fitted with internal ballast tanks, and submerged when sea-water was drawn in through valves in the hull. The tanks were open at the top, and water could spill over into the crew compartment if the valves did not close properly.

Three eight-man crews, one including Huntley himself, were drowned during trials, and such an accident may have sunk the submarine just after it had destroyed the *USS Housatonic*, a warship blockading Charleston. The submarine was rediscovered by a magnetometer search.

Source: *Archaeology* 48 No 5:17.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. Carr and Miss K.J. Watson
The engagement is announced between Dale, son of Mr and Mrs T.E.N. Carr, of Harare, Zimbabwe, and Katie Jean, only daughter of Mr Tony and Mrs Tricia Watson, of Pulborough, West Sussex.

Mr J.H.S. Denham and Miss K.C. Dunning
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr John Denham, of Brook Green, London, and Mrs Michael Allen, of Kidmore End, Oxfordshire, and Katharine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Dunning, of Middle Wallop, Hampshire.

Mr M.P. Dickson and Miss L.B. Shone
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of the late Mr Tony Dickson and of Mrs Anne Dickson, of Caldy, Wirral, and Lucy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Shone, of West Kirby, Wirral.

Mr R.J.H.F. Forsythe and Miss G.E. Davis
The engagement is announced between Rupert James Hamilton Fairfax, elder son of Mr and Mrs Iain Forsythe, of Marsh Baldon, Oxfordshire, and Georgina Emily, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Davis, of Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Mr T.C.C. Hanbury-Tracy and Miss A.M. Arthur
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr Andrew Hanbury-Tracy, of Sherborne, Dorset, and Mrs Lillian Hanbury-Tracy, of Westfield, Sussex, and Anneliese, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs John Arthur, of Sunningdale, Berkshire.

Mr G.F.B. MacQuillan and Miss L.M.R. Popham
The engagement is announced between Gerard, younger son of the late Dr A.J. MacQuillan and of Mrs MacQuillan, of Abergavenny, *Monmouthshire*, and *Letitia*, youngest daughter of the late Surgeon Captain (D) B.F.S. Popham, RN, and of Mrs Popham, of Liphook, Hampshire.

Mr J.J. Pargeter and Miss D.J. Spacie
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs A.J. Pargeter, of Soulbury, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, and Deborah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Spacie, of Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.

Mr T.R.G. Ryder and Miss G.E. Jackson
The engagement is announced between Thomas Richard George, only son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Ryder, of New Chapel, Horwich, Lancashire, and Gail Elise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.I. Jackson, of Camberley, Surrey.

Mr T.J. Truscott and Miss L.E. Bicknell
The *engagement* is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Clive Truscott, of Dorridge, Solihull, and Lucy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Basil Bicknell, of Kenway Road, London.

Marriages

Mr K.J.D. Ellis and Miss S.A. Bass
The marriage took place on Saturday last at the Parish Church of the Holy Ascension, Upton, Chester, of Mr Kevin Ellis, son of Mr John Ellis, CBE, and Mrs Rita Ellis, of Chingford, Essex, to Miss Sarah Anne Bass, daughter of Mr and Mrs Frederick Bass, of Upton, Chester. The Rev Glyn Conway officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Kathryn Peasley, Carol Cade and Janine Nicholls. Mr Philip Kane was best man.

A reception was held at the Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, and the honeymoon will be spent in the Far East and Australia.

Mr D.P.M. Flood and Miss C.E.J. FitzMaurice
The marriage took place on September 20, 1995, between Mr Dermot Flood, son of the late Dr and Mrs John Flood, and Miss Charlotte FitzMaurice, daughter of Mr and Mrs Maurice FitzMaurice, of Sussex.

Mr R.G. Sutton-Mattocks and Miss M.R. Gossling
The marriage took place on September 9, at St Stephen's, Sparsholt, Hampshire, between Mr Richard Sutton-Mattocks, younger son of Mr and Mrs T.M. Sutton-Mattocks, of Barnes, London, and Miss Margaret Gossling, only daughter of Mrs Ann Gossling, of Winchester.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her mother, was attended by Julia Sutton-Mattocks. Mr Simon Jay was best man.

The honeymoon has been spent in Southern Tanzania.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jonathan Edwards, theologian, East Windsor, Connecticut, 1703; Denis Diderot, philosopher and encyclopaedist, Langres, France, 1713; William Wilkie, "the Scottish Homer", Dalmeny, 1721; William Scoresby, clergyman and Arctic explorer, Whitby, 1789; Chester Arthur, 21st American President 1881-85, Fairfield, Vermont, 1830; Thomas Power O'Connor, journalist and politician, Athlone, 1848; Robert Hutchings Goddard, pioneer of rocketry, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1882.

DEATHS: Joachim Patenier, painter, Antwerp, 1524; Charles Cornwallis, 1st Marquess Cornwallis, soldier and statesman, Ghazipore, India, 1805; Jacques Offenbach, composer, Paris, 1880; Jean Vigo, film director, Paris, 1934; Alfred Kroeber, anthropologist and archaeologist, Paris, 1960; Leonard Rossiter, actor and comedian, London, 1984.

Bulgaria declared its independence from Turkey, 1908.

Sir Arthur Lee donated Chequers in Buckinghamshire to the nation as a country retreat for British prime ministers, 1917.

The R101 airship crashed near Beauvais, France, killing 47, 1930.

The Jarrow march of the unemployed set out for London, 1936.

Latest wills

Francis Ede **Elliott**, of Saltash, Cornwall, left estate valued at £221,070 net.
He left a property and its contents to the Tamar Protection Society to be preserved as an historical display of a family grocer's shop and the name of Elliott retained on the front of the former shop, to be opened to the public for viewing on payment of a fee; and he further left the 3/4ths of the residue for the upkeep of the premises and 1/4th of the residue to the Salvation Army.

Caroline Eunice **Clayson**, of Ramsgate, Kent, left estate valued at £673,663 net.
She left £50,000 and effects to personal legatees, £10,000 to the RNLI, and the residue equally between the Parish of Holy Trinity, Ramsgate, and the Parish of St Giles in the Fields, St Giles High Street, London WC2, both for religious purposes.

Queenie Maud Alicia **Nanson**, of Carmarthen, Dyfed, left estate valued at £1,042,152 net. She died intestate.

Albert Edward **Bromfield**, of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire left estate valued at £616,817

Appointment

Major-General Christopher Tylor, former governor of the Tower of London, has been appointed Secretary of the Royal Humane Society.

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BIRTHS

ARKWRIGHT - On September 30th 1995, to Charlotte and Mark, a son, Miles.

CHALLEN - On September 14th 1995, to Carol (née Ross) and Michael, a son, Michael Charles, a brother for Matthew, Charlotte and Celia.

CHAMBERS - On September 21st 1995, to Verity (née Hunt) and Michael, a son, Patrick David Edward.

DAVAN WETTON - On September 27th 1995 at home, to Alison and Hilary, a daughter, Camilla, a sister for Alexander.

FOX - September 27th, to Robert, and Lisa (née Payne), a son, George Henry Hamilton in Dallas, Texas.

HANSON-SMITH - On October 3rd, Frederick William, a brother for Thomas and Alexander.

NICHOLAS - On October 3rd, to Julie (née Bardell) and Jerry, a daughter, Chloe Elizabeth.

SCHEINER - To Leo and Nikki at the Wellington Hospital on 2nd October a daughter, a sister to Jason, Oscar, Theodore and Rufus.

SHIRLEY - On October 1st 1995, to Julia and Mark, a son, Milo William Sewallis, a brother for Max and Amelia.

SPRUNT - On October 3rd 1995 at Kingston Hospital, to Shahrzad and Nigel, their first child, a handsome son, Oliver Charles Ali. First grandchild to Pamela, Norman and Leili.

STOTT - On September 30th, to Siân (née Biore) and Paul, a son, Harry Gethin Joseph, a brother for Freddie.

THOMPSON - On September 28th 1995, to Julie (née Deeley) and Steve, a son, Joseph Liam.

TREFUSIS - On September 26th, to Kate (née Dudgeon) and Charles, a daughter, Eleanor Rachel, a sister for Harriet and Charlotte.

YAXLEY - On October 2nd, to Amanda and Charles, a second son, Joshua Robert.

DEATHS

BEESTON - On September 29th 1995 suddenly but peacefully, A.F.L. Beeston (Freddie), Laudian Professor of Arabic at St John's College, Oxford. Requiem Mass at the Church of St Mary Magdalen, Oxford, on Monday October 9th at 12.15 pm, followed by private interment. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, for The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Preservation Trust, Fawler Manor, Charlbury, OX7 3AH.

BODELL - On September 30th, Dorothy Bodell, formerly Vice Principal Philippa Fawcett Training College. Funeral St Stephen's Church, College Road, SE21, 2.30 pm Friday October 13th. Family flowers only.

BOND - On 1st October, suddenly, John. Much loved husband of Mary, father of Jenny, James, Ian and Trevor, grandfather of Mary. Funeral on 11th October, 11 am at St Augustine's Abbey Church, Ramsgate, Kent.

BOURNE - Robert Morice Antony died peacefully at home on 3rd October. Dearly loved husband of Rose and father of Harriet, Charlotte, Humphrey, Lucy, Julian and Emily. Family funeral. Donations if desired to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund.

CALVERT - Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear. The family announce the death of Neil Calvert on Sunday October 1st 1995 aged 68 years. Funeral took place at Tynemouth Crematorium, Tyne and Wear, on Wednesday October 4th 1995. Donations in lieu of flowers to N. Calvert Tree Fund, cheques payable to National Trust, Scots Gap, Morpeth, NE61.

CAMISA - Ennio on October 2nd aged 87 years. Much loved husband of Ines, devoted father to Alberto, Francesco and daughter-in-law Elizabeth, loving and proud grandfather of Sofia and Elena. Shall be greatly missed in all their lives. Funeral 5th October, Tarsogno, Parma, Northern Italy. Tel: (0181) 905-1240.

CHAMBERS - On September 30th peacefully Basil Harold Angelo. Beloved husband of Owena and father of Carolyn. Funeral 12 noon on Tuesday October 10th at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. No flowers please but donations if desired for Guy's Hospital Kidney Unit may be sent c/o Fuller & Scott, The Wakelyns, Uckfield, TN22 1AJ, tel: (01825) 763241.

CHAPMAN - Stella Margaret on 2nd October 1995 at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton. Will be greatly missed by Louise, Anna, Ben and all her family and friends. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium on Thursday 12th October at 12 noon. Donations to Queen Mary's Hospital c/o T.H. Sanders & Sons, tel: (0181) 948-1551.

CHEW - On October 4th at Highgarth, Windermere, Biddy aged 88 years, twin sister of the late Bobby and much loved sister-in-law of Eva and aunt of Tony and Bill. Funeral Service at Jesus Church, Troutbeck, on Monday 9th October at 11am. Arrangements and flowers to John Blenkharn Funeral Director, The Old Bakehouse, Back of Belsfield Terrace, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, LA23 3EQ, tel: (015394) 42319.

CLINCH - Harold A.C.I.S. on 29th September 1995 peacefully in Woodfold Nursing Home and formerly of Rhos-on-Sea, North Wales, the dearly loved husband of Dorothy and father of Harvey and Kenneth. Service took place at Colwyn Bay Crematorium on Wednesday 4th October.

CLYNE - On October 3rd, aged 70, Eli Clyne, peacefully at home with his family. Much loved husband, father, grandfather and brother. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel, Hoop Lane, 11 o'clock, Friday 6th October. No flowers but donations welcomed for the MacMillan Nurses.

FORCER EVANS - Molly, J.P., M.B.E. of Tyddyn, Llangefni, Anglesey. On October 3rd 1995, peacefully at Mamsey House, Willilon. Dear wife of the late Thomas Forcer Evans, beloved mother of Sheelagh and David and mother-in-law of Paul. Much loved and loving Nain to Jody, Hugh, Edward, Henry and Tessa and Nain-in-law to Alan and James. Service of Thanksgiving for her life at St Cyngar's Church Llangefni Monday October 9th at 2 pm followed by private interment. Family flowers only, donations may be given to R.N.L.I. c/o the Funeral Directors W.O. Williams Rose & Thistle, Llanedwen, Anglesey, tel: (01248) 450312.

FOX - Dr. Richard Michael Ffrench, on 3rd October, 1995, peacefully at home, in Guernsey, after a long illness. Funeral service at St Sampson's Parish Church, on Friday, 6th October, at 11am. Family flowers only. Further enquiries to Martels Funeral Services, Guernsey. Tel: 01481 44788.

GORDON CLARK - Eveline Mary on October 3rd peacefully at home aged 89. Funeral 12 noon Friday October 13th at Hawkridge, Somerset. Flowers if desired from The Flower Shop, South Molton. (01769) 572402.

HOARE - Elizabeth Jane Lloyd, suddenly on October 2nd 1995 at home. Loving wife of Geoff Hoare, beloved mother of Trim, SaraJane, Pom and Tessanna, devoted grandmother of Joshua, Rebecca and Dianna. Cremation at Mortlake Crematorium Friday October 6th 1.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Memorial Service at a later date.

HOLMAN - On 3rd October, Mary Alathea, the dear widow of Tom Holman. Much loved mother of John and Anthony, grandmother and great-grandmother. Enquiries to E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, (01892) 522462.

JONES - On September 27th 1995 suddenly Farquhar Langford of South Croydon aged 87 much loved brother of Margaret. Funeral Service on Wednesday October 11th at 2 pm at St Paul's United Reformed Church, Croham Park Avenue, South Croydon. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Romney Marsh Historic Churches Trust c/o J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon CR0 1LD. Tel: (0181) 688-1447.

KERNOT - Peter, on September 29th 1995, beloved son of Noya, brother of Cecil, husband of Rosalind, father of Charles, Madeleine, Christian, Justin and Isabella, and uncle of John-Paul. Private funeral. Family flowers. Donations please to St John's Hospice London NW8 9NH.

MORGAN - Lilian (née Sykes). Peacefully 30th September at Clevedon Cottage Hospital aged 91. Widow of Cyril, beloved mother of Diane and Patricia and dearly missed grandmother of Christopher and Michael. Eternal remembrance. Service: South Bristol Crematorium on 6th October at 16:30.

NEWTON - Suddenly on Friday 22nd September 1995 at Hove General Hospital, Joseph (Joe) retired Civil Servant. Funeral Service was held on 2nd October 1995 at St Kessog's R.C. Church, Balloch, Dunbartonshire, Scotland.

PARNALL - Williamina, widow of Judge Robert Parnall, died at home on 29th September 1995. Service to be held at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday 6th October. No flowers but donations to Cancer Research.

PHILLIPS - On 30th September 1995, Dulcie (née Farquharson), wife of the late Colonel J.M. Phillips, much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral at St Wilfrid's Convent, 29 Tite Street, London SW3 at 12 noon on Tuesday 10th October.

ROSE - Hugh Herbert (Tom), Adored and devoted husband to Rosemary, father to Jonathan and Emma, Dad Dad to Lucy and William, and special friend to so many. Peacefully at home on 1st October, aged 84. Always courageous and happy to the end. Private funeral. Donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care. Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

SOMERS - Phoebe Helen of Littlehampton, Sussex, died on 3rd October aged 95 years. Artist, Author and Educationalist, after a full and active life both at home and in East Africa. Founder member of the Queen's English Society. A great character whose ready wit will be missed by all who knew her. Cremation at Worthing Crematorium, Findon, Sussex, at 10.40 am on Friday 13th October. No flowers. Donations for St Francis Nursing Home, Littlehampton, to be sent to H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, BN14 8HU.

SPRING - On Tuesday 3rd October in Cape Town, Marjorie, beloved mother of Rosalind and Richard and grandmother of Sophia and Frederick.

WALSHAM - May Mary on Tuesday October 3rd aged 85 of Wellington, Somerset and formerly of Southgate, London. Requiem Mass at St John Fisher Church, Wellington, Monday October 9th at 9.15 am, followed by private cremation at Taunton.

WILSON-CROOME - Dr. Stephen Wilson M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 88 years, peacefully at home in Alswear, Devonshire, on October 2nd 1995. Dearly loved Husband of Oonadie, Father of Jonathan, Sarah, Dougal, and Ruth, and grandfather of Samuel, Thomas, Robert, and Edward. No flowers please. Donations in his memory to: National Osteoporosis Society, P.O. Box 10, Radstock, Bath, BA3 3YB.

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OBITUARIES

STEPHEN MacKEITH

Stephen MacKeith, OBE, wartime military psychiatrist, died at Winchester on September 10 aged 88. He was born in Southampton on September 20, 1906.

A HOSPITAL doctor specialising in mental health in the 1930s, Stephen MacKeith had a notable career as a military psychiatrist during the Second World War. He was one of the pioneers of the notion that psychiatric as well as physical casualties were an inevitable component of military action, and put his ideas into practice often against conservative opposition in the forces which in those days held such theories to be modish and unnecessary.

More recent conflicts in which British troops have been involved — notably the Falklands and Gulf campaigns, with their close-quarters media coverage of the cases of individual combatants — have, of course, placed work such as MacKeith's in the forefront of public consciousness.

In the postwar period MacKeith was a senior hospital administrator and also worked as a progressive practitioner in the training of psychiatrists in the South West of England. His professional career spanned a historic period of great change and development in all these fields.

Born in Southampton to a medical family, (his father and four brothers were also doctors) Stephen Alexander MacKeith studied Classics and started an arts degree before going to St Mary's Hospital medical school in London. His interest in mental health started soon after he qualified and he worked at various hospitals in Hertfordshire, Warwickshire and Sussex before war broke out.

Between 1940 and 1945, he served in the Royal Army Medical Corps and made a considerable contribution, with his calm, self-effacing efficiency and great diplomatic skill, to the creation of administration and clinical structures within which men could be helped to recover from the trauma of battle. As late as 1942 there were still enclaves of conservative opinion within the British Army which refused to accept that psychiatric casualties are inevitable in war.

MacKeith made his name sorting out the considerable medical débâcle of the *Torch* landings in November 1942. The medical planning for the invasion of North Africa had made no provision at all for psychiatry, and when British troops came up against stiff German resistance in the hills of Tunisia and a large number of instances of mental breakdown came to light, chaos developed. Patients had to be evacuated hundreds of miles back to Algiers; hospitals became clogged with cases which, had they been at once treated locally, could have been returned to battle. Heroic work by two psychiatrists who arrived early in 1943 restored some order, but it was not until MacKeith, then a lieutenant-colonel, was sent out in May 1943 that steps were taken formally to establish psychiatric treatment facilities.

MacKeith then persuaded the Army to introduce what eventually became a three-tier system of treatment and rehabilitation for psychiatric casualties in the Italian campaign later in 1943. (One patient, Spike Milligan, describes in his memoirs being evacuated from a forward dressing station to a tented camp before finally reaching a "real hospital" 40 miles behind the lines.) This system achieved a rough 30 per cent *triage* — almost a third of cases were returned to their units, a third given non-combatant roles in the theatre and a third sent home.

Such work involved a difficult conflict of loyalties; between the



clinical needs of the individual soldier and the manpower demands of the military machine. The bottom line was that the psychiatrists were there to reduce "wastage". This was a dilemma acutely felt by MacKeith, by now the son-in-law of Millais Culpin, a First World War "shellshock doctor". Many years later MacKeith was very moved by a fragment of film in the Imperial War Museum showing battle-shocked British soldiers, their faces drawn and vacant, arriving at an Exhaustion Station in Italy in 1944. There was no mistaking the concern which, even fifty years on, he felt for these men.

For almost two years MacKeith was adviser in psychiatry to Allied Force Headquarters in British North Africa Force and in Central Mediterranean Force (Italy) under General Eisenhower. For his war work he was appointed OBE (military division).

MacKeith's postwar work focused on large mental hospitals. He was medical superintendent at Napsbury, near St Albans, and consultant psychiatrist at Hellesdon near Norwich. During this period he also carried out consultancies for the World Health Organisation in the Far East.

Eventually, in 1957, he followed in the footsteps of T. P. Rees as Physician Superintendent at Warlingham Park Hospital, well-known for its progressive "open door" policy. MacKeith did much to support the growing use of art and music therapy with psychiatric patients. From there he moved to Hampshire to become consultant psychiatrist at Knowle and the Royal South Hants Hospitals. He also became Regional Tutor in Psychiatry to the Wessex Region and was appointed Regional Postgraduate Adviser in Psychiatry to the Medical School of the University of Southampton.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s he worked part time as a medical adviser on health education. He took up a visiting teaching fellowship in Health Education at the Western Australian Institute of Technology in Perth and he also spent ten months in the United States researching and lecturing at Stanford University Medical Centre and various other venues.

Well into his seventies, MacKeith became a regular attender at seminars held in the Department of Psychology at the University of Southampton (where he was made an Honorary Visiting Fellow) prefacing any question he asked with the disarming admission that he was "new to psychology". In fact, after his "retirement" MacKeith had worked closely with his old friend Robert Silvey on a study of "paracosms", their own term for the imaginary worlds created and elaborated by many children. This led, after Silvey's death, to a book co-authored with David Cohen, *The Development of Imagination: the Private Worlds of Childhood*, published when he was 85.

His purpose was to "depathologise" the imagination within psychiatry. His hope, in moving late into the field of psychology, had been to discover what positive account psychologists might provide of the place of the imagination within our lives. In fact, as he came to realise, psychologists have very little to offer and this disenchantment gave rise to a campaign. In classes presented to undergraduates, in seminars given to psychology departments across the country and, most importantly, in papers he presented at a series of annual conferences of the developmental psychology section of the British Psychological Society, he would discuss his own work on the imagination and urge the psychologists to turn from their narrow scientistic concerns, to the wider question of human being.

In recent years MacKeith was endlessly generous and helpful to scholars and historians ("Come for the *whole* day"). He loved to sit in the garden at Winchester and talk of the past and the present, gently guiding the listener through the complexities of the subject, but always eager, too, to hear about new approaches, and about others' ideas. He took endless interest in his children and grandchildren — indeed, in most children. At Easter this year he travelled to Greece for the first time and, aged 88, swam in the Aegean, something he had always wanted to do. In the last few years of his life he joined the Society of Friends (Quakers).

He married, in 1938, Frances Millais Culpin and is survived by her and by three sons and three daughters.

SIR ALAN WILSON

Sir Alan Wilson, FRS, chairman of the Glaxo group, 1963-73, died on September 30 aged 89. He was born on July 2, 1906.



A MAN of achievements in both the business and the academic worlds, with an outstanding record of public service, Sir Alan Wilson was known for his talents and integrity. Yet in an age when many businessmen were becoming as well known as film stars or television personalities his gifts were fully appreciated only by a few.

He carefully guarded his privacy; among his business colleagues he was noted for his reticence, even shyness. But in the committees on which he served, if he spoke rarely and after sometimes disconcerting deliberation, it was invariably to make an incisive contribution.

Alan Herries Wilson was educated at Wallasey Grammar School and Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he gained the Smith's Prize (1928) and Adams Prize (1931). He was elected a Fellow of Emmanuel College in 1929, and was subsequently an honorary fellow. From 1933 to 1945, he was a Fellow and lecturer at Trinity College, Cambridge, and University Lecturer in Mathematics.

During these years Wilson's chief interest was in the field of atomic physics. In 1942 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society for his contributions to the electronic theory of solids and his work on the properties of metals.

In 1945 he joined the textile company Courtaulds, where he worked successively as director of research and development and as managing director. In 1957 he was appointed deputy chairman. It was when he was chairman-elect of Courtaulds that, in 1962, ICI made its controversial bid to win control of the company. Wilson was deeply involved in the initial talks and had the satisfaction of seeing the bid defeated, although it was clear that the rough-and-tumble of this particular battle was not to his taste.

The reason why Wilson as chairman-elect of Courtaulds, resigned from the board in 1962 was not until later made public. At the time it was speculated that he had favoured the ICI bid. It subsequently became clear that the City institutions had been strongly against Courtaulds, largely because of a previous cut in the interim dividend. In an attempt to gain their support Wilson offered to resign in order to make way for a big City name. The gesture was ineffective, and, in the event, no big City name was forthcoming.

In 1963 Wilson was elected to the board of the Glaxo pharmaceuticals group and in July of the same year he was elected chairman. Appropriately, given his background, the years of his chairmanship were marked by the decision to increase substantially the spending of the group on research.

In 1960 Wilson joined the Iron and Steel Board and was knighted the following year. He was to serve on a wide range of public and other bodies, including the Advisory Council for Scientific Policy; the National Society for Clean Air (president, 1965-67); the Committee on the Problem of Noise (chairman, 1960-63); and the University Grants Committee. In 1965 he was appointed a deputy chairman of the Electricity Council.

His public and business interests left him little time for publication, and apart from many early papers on atomic physics, his main works were written before he undertook a fulltime business career. They include *The Theory of Metals* (1936); *Semiconductors and Metals* (1939); and *Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics* (1957). Both Oxford and Edinburgh conferred on him an honorary DSc and he was elected an Honorary Fellow of St Catherine's College, Oxford.

His wife died in 1961 and he leaves two sons.

PETER SHANKLAND

Peter Shankland, MBE, author and documentary film-maker, died on September 21 aged 94. He was born on June 15, 1901.

UNBLINKERED by convention, Peter Shankland had the openness of mind and breadth of vision which it takes to make a good director of documentaries. But perhaps it was this stalwart honesty of outlook which also denied him the wide recognition he might otherwise have achieved. His most important work *The Right of Asylum*, shot in Germany just after the Second World War, became so controversial that it cost him his job with the Foreign Office.

Briefed, as he saw it, to record things "just as they were", he made a tense and moving film exposing the plight of refugees in the aftermath of the war. Germans fleeing from the Russian to the British zone were shown being turned back at British borders, perhaps to face the risk of death. When the film was privately screened to politicians in England it caused uproar. Parliament had been promised that nobody would be denied entry from the Russian zone. Ironically, it was Shankland's very success which brought about his demise, and he was sacked, sadly just after he had been granted permission by Jung to make what would, had it been completed, have been one of only very few films ever made about the great psychoanalyst.

Shankland was born on the Clyde into a family of Scottish shipowners, and though his parents subsequently moved to London, every year the children were taken back to Scotland for their summer holidays. More often than not, they visited their aunt who, having married into a wealthy family owning the Gourock Ropework Company, was possessed of a fortune. Shankland, whose irregular way of earning a living left him often penurious in later life, used to laugh at the anxieties faced by his aunt on Sundays when it came to deciding whether the children should travel in the fourth or the fifth carriage to church.

Though Shankland's elder brother went to Harrow, Shankland himself manifested a spirit of independence at an early age, and at his own request was sent to Fettes in Edinburgh. He then won a place at the Royal Academy of Music where he intended to train as a singer, but left



during his first year after an operation to remove his tonsils.

Taking advantage of family connections in the shipping trade he travelled abroad on one of his father's vessels, visiting Morocco and New Zealand before ending up in 1922 in the United States. Here he started a subscription theatre club in Greenwich Village, New York, before moving on to Hollywood and then Chicago where he taught English and acting.

Returning to Britain in the late 1920s he moved into a flat near the British Museum, then at the heart of the Bloomsbury circle. His humour and individuality made him popular with an avantguardist theatrical set, and among many others he met Nöel Coward who gave him a small part in one of his plays.

Shankland then went to Moscow as the travelling companion of Albert Coates, the conductor of the Bolshoi orchestra and there met Stanislavsky and Shostakovich further extending a ring of eminent acquaintances which was to ripple outwards in ever widening circles throughout his life. But Shankland was never to write about this period. The ruthless dogmas of Communism clashed with his free-spirited nature, and working in the theatrical world with a number of Russian ex-aristocrats he feared that anything he wrote might endanger their lives.

His filming career began in Berlin shortly before the war. One of the documentaries he made there was for the International Labour Organisation. It showed the Rhine as it flowed through the countries of Europe and presented the success of international agreements in regulating the flow of goods up and down the river as an example of how European countries might co-operate with each other. But when he chanced to attend a Hitler rally in Berlin he felt the foundations of such ideals totter.

The declaration of war shook Shankland. He had made many friends in Germany. He joined first the Thames River Fire Service and then, in 1942, took a commission in the RNVR and saw service in a fleet minesweeper *HMS Speedy* in Malta where he was involved in clearing channels for incoming convoys.

From there he was appointed to an escort minesweeper on the Russian convoys. He spoke French, German and Italian fluently and was an interpreter in France after the Allied landings. During the invasion itself he worked to clear the beaches for the second wave of incoming troops. Working only in his bathing trunks, he swam out to sea and attached ropes to the often wired and barbed obstructions left by the Axis troops, so that they could be hauled to shore. In recognition of this work he was later appointed MBE.

Shankland's war time experiences were reflected in his first book *Malta Convoy*. He then went on to write other books on naval subjects. *Dardanelles Patrol* was about the submarine E11 torpedoing ships in the Sea of Marmora during the First World War, and *Phantom Flotilla* told the story of how the Americans sent gunboats overland to Lake Tanganyika — a tale which C. S. Forrester was late to recount in *African Queen*.

Shankland continued writing throughout his life, often collaborating with others. He joined forces with Sir Michael Havers in a book which probed Bournemouth's famous 1930s Rattenbury murders, and with his niece Alison Paul in a history of their family's shipping firm. He was a deep thinking person who wrestled with the problems of war, the moral and ethical dilemmas associated with killing the enemy. A man of few prejudices, he believed in the healing of divisions and the reconciliation of peoples and was convinced that European unity would be the best way to achieve this.

He was too independent ever to take a regular job. After the war he worked in Berlin as a film-maker for the foreign office and after that for Lottie Reiniger, the silhouette artist.

In 1960 he moved to Poole in Dorset where he was to remain for the rest of his life. He was particularly proud of his ornamental garden there.

Shankland had a gentle and compassionate nature. Perhaps it was this which exerted a peculiar fascination over women. He married three times. He is survived by his third wife, Marion, by a son and a daughter from his second marriage, and by two sons from his third.

JEREMY HOWARD-WILLIAMS

Jeremy Howard-Williams, DFC, wartime fighter pilot, yachtsman and author, died on September 8 aged 73. He was born in Cowes, Isle of Wight, on March 13, 1922.

A SUCCESSFUL night fighter pilot in the Second World War, Jeremy Howard-Williams afterwards became a well-known Cowes yachtsman and an author of books on sailing. His book *Sails* (1967), the definitive work on the subject, has remained in print for 30 years.

The second son of an RAF officer, Howard-Williams was educated at Hordle House preparatory school, Felsted, and the Institut de Touraine at Tours. In 1940 he joined the Local Defence Volunteers. He was always proud of having been a private in the real-life Dad's Army. He volunteered for aircrew in 1940 and joined No 604 night fighter squadron under the redoubtable "Cat's Eyes" Cunningham in 1941. After one tour of duty he denied himself the usual rest from active service by joining the Fighter Interception Unit, conducting early experiments with radar, for which he was awarded the DFC.

After the war he served in Singapore, Germany and finally as assistant air attaché to the British Embassy in Paris. A keen sportsman all his life, he sailed and played hockey for the RAF.

On retirement from the RAF in 1958 he returned to Cowes to work for the sailmakers Ratsey & Lapthorn. His first book, *Teach your Child about Sailing* (1963) was soon followed by *Sails*. During this period, Howard-Williams could often be found racing a Dragon at Cowes.

A poor swimmer himself, he invented an all-in-one sailing jacket incorporating safety features such as buoyancy harness, whistle and rocket. It may not have caught on at the time but it has become standard nowadays. His Solent tide calculator, which could give the currents at any given time, also proved popular with racing enthusiasts.

Sails proved to be the forerunner of many more nautical books and in 1974 he was appointed Managing Editor of Adlard Coles Ltd, his publishers, where he remained until retirement eight years later. His other books include *Night Intruder*, an account of his wartime experiences, and a crossword dictionary, the culmination of a lifetime's passion for crossword solving. Jeremy Howard-Williams is survived by his wife, Jill, and by two sons and a daughter.

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THE COTTON TRADE.

A BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Manchester, Oct. 4.

Although it cannot be announced to-night that the quarrel between the cotton-spinners and the cardroom operatives has been adjusted, there is some ground for the belief that the situation has decidedly improved during the past few hours. It is just possible that to-morrow may bring the good news that George Howe has been satisfactorily provided for, and that the mills of Lancashire may therefore re-open their doors.

It is a good augury for peace that Mr. Askwith is continuing his efforts to solve the difficulty which stands in the way of arbitration. He has been during the day in consultation with the representatives of both parties; he has received many callers at the Midland Hotel, and has spent some time in the Oldham district. He has not been able to issue any statement to-night, but it is understood that he has arranged to meet the leaders of the operatives again to-morrow morning. This is regarded as encouraging. It is gratifying to know at least that negotiations have not been broken off: although the combinations are supposed officially to have entered into a state of warfare. The change which appears to have been made in the situation is all the more welcome because last night the outlook was undoubtedly unpromising. A great deal of irritation had been displayed. The employers, for reasons which need not now be specified, seemed to consider that they had grounds for complaint as to the attitude of the operatives: the operatives complained that the employers were acting unreasonably, and there were bitter things said as to the possibility of a fight to a finish. The morning presumably brought more charitable thoughts. Lancashire men are not without a sense of humour, and it is to be supposed that the absurdity of the situation is realised by them as fully as by people outside. Quite early in the day, at any rate, there were rumours that there were employers in the Shaw district who would be willing to find work for George Howe. To-night it is generally believed that an offer or offers of a situation for the dismissed grinder have been received. Even though this should prove to be the case, there may be some little delay in ending the lock-out. Many arrangements will have to be made.

It is not uncharitable to assume that such a situation would be regarded by the operatives with equanimity. A full week's lock-out pay would be quite as satisfactory as two or three days' work. The Spinners' Amalgamation provide £1 a week in lock-out pay for the spinners who are members, with the addition of 1s. for each child under workable age. Little piecers — the piecers are the spinners' assistants — receive 5s. and big piecers 7s. 6d. a week. The vast majority of the members of the Cardroom Amalgamation are women workers and their lock-out pay varies from 5s. to 8s. a week. Both the organisations mentioned receive a grant from the General Federation of Trade Unions at the rate of 5s. for each member locked out.

ON THIS DAY

October 5, 1910

Over 100,000 cotton workers in 700 Lancashire mills were locked out in a dispute arising from the dismissal of a worker employed by George Howe for insubordination.

NEWS

Inquiry into 'trial by tabloid'

■ The Attorney-General launched an unprecedented inquiry into the activities of national newspapers yesterday after a trial was stopped for what the judge called unlawful, misleading, scandalous and malicious reporting.

The move came after Judge Sanders halted the prosecution of Geoff Knights, boyfriend of the *EastEnders* actress Gillian Taylforth, for wounding and assault ..... Pages 1, 4

Labour pledge on opt-out schools

■ Labour has pledged to curb the independence of grant-maintained schools, including ending selection by examinations and interviews with parents. But opt-out schools would survive under a Labour government, in spite of a sustained Brighton assault from Roy Hattersley, former deputy leader, and constituency activists ..... Pages 1, 12, 13, 20 and 21

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The O.J. Simpson jurors who swore to not to talk to the media have broken their silence. One juror said she agreed to acquit Mr Simpson even though she thought he "probably did do it" ..... Pages 1, 3, 20, 29

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Puppy farms have become a serious threat to the mental and physical health of Britain's dog population, according to the National Canine Defence League, whose findings have prompted MPs to call for tighter controls on mass breeding ..... Page 9

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Sufferers of multiple sclerosis fear they may be denied Beta-interferon, a new drug hailed as the greatest advance in treatment for 150 years, because of its cost ..... Page 11

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Noise from aircraft landing in Sydney is becoming the big issue as Paul Keating, the Australian Prime Minister, prepares for the polls for the second time Page 14

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Chief Moshood Abiola, Nigeria's best-known opposition figure, may be under lock and key hundreds of miles away but the paranoid military leaders keep a watchful eye on his family and friends in Lagos ..... Page 15

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Peking has made clear it intends the Hong Kong end-game should be nothing less than a surrender, while the steady sidelining of Chris Patten, the Governor, continued during negotiations between the Chinese Foreign Minister and London ..... Page 17

49,000 are in the money

■ Britain has a record 49,000 millionaires, with the gap between self-made and inherited fortunes narrowing, according to figures published by financial analysts. In 1988, according to Inland Revenue statistics, there were only 18,000 millionaires. The soaring value of the Stock Exchange, after its crash in 1987, is a major factor behind the rise ..... Page 5



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Boxing: Lennox Lewis takes on Tommy Morrison in Atlantic City on Saturday knowing that only victory will reinforce his claim to be one of the world's leading heavyweights ..... Page 44

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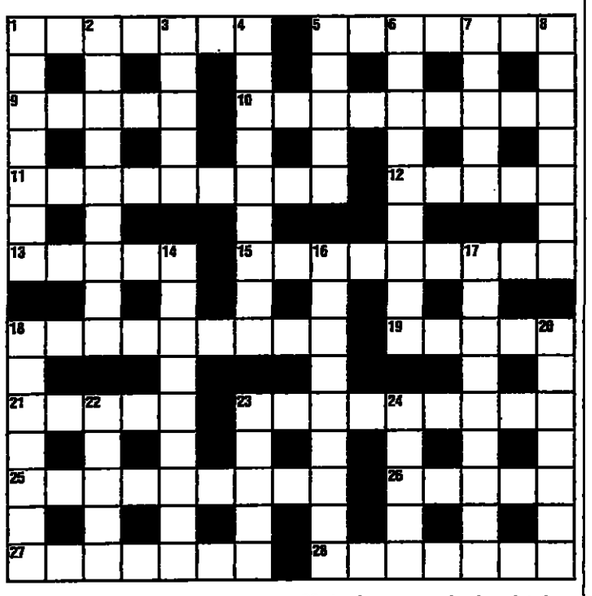
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27 In retrospect rearmament could be an alarming thought (7)
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Linton-on-Ouse, North Yorkshire, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 11C (55F); highest rainfall: Aldergrove airport, Co Down, 0.71in; highest sunshine: Minehead, Somerset, 9.1hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** much of England and Wales will be bright and breezy with sunshine at times and a scattering of showers. Most of the showers should be light and should die away during the afternoon as cloud pushes into the west. Westernmost parts are likely to see some rain towards midnight.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will also be showery, especially in the west where the showers could be heavy and prolonged. There should be some sunshine, the best of it in the east. Later in the day, more cloudy conditions will push into Northern Ireland, bringing rain after dark.

☐ **London, E Anglia, E Midlands, E England, NE England:** sunny spells, scattered showers developing. Drier again later. Wind southwest moderate, southerly later. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **SE England, Central S England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N:** sunny spells, scattered showers. Drier later. Wind southwest moderate, becoming southerly later. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland:** sunny intervals and showers. More cloudy later with rain in west towards midnight. Wind southwest moderate, southerly fresh later. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** sunny spells, scattered showers developing. Drier later. Wind southwest moderate or fresh, becoming southerly later. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** often cloudy but brighter spells. Showers, some heavy and prolonged. Wind south or southwest fresh, locally strong. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Outlook:** continuing unsettled with further rain for most parts.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 6 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

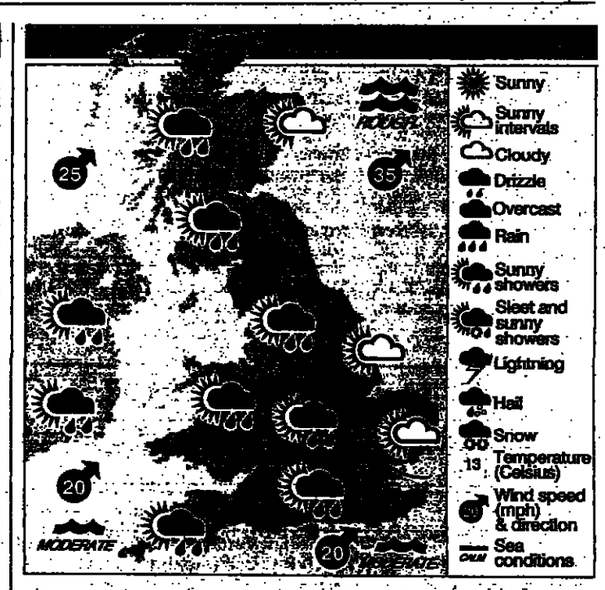
	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.6	0.03	17	63	s	London	2.1	0.06	18	64	sh
Anglesey	0.6	0.72	15	59	r	Lowestoft	1.5	-	18	64	c
Aspatria	0.3	0.45	15	59	c	Manchester	1.5	-	17	63	c
Aviemore	2.5	0.34	15	59	s	Margate	1.1	0.04	18	64	r
Belfast	5.9	0.11	16	61	s	Minehead	1.8	0.17	18	64	sh
Birmingham	2.2	0.02	18	64	b	Morecambe	-	0.81	15	59	r
Bognor R	0.4	0.09	17	63	r	Newcastle	0.2	0.09	16	61	r
Bournem'th	3.1	-	19	66	b	Newquay	1.4	0.13	17	63	r
Bristol	1.8	0.02	18	64	r	Norwich	X	-	18	64	b
Buxton	1.4	-	15	59	b	Nottingham	X	-	-	-	-
Cardiff	1.2	0.13	17	63	r	Oxford	5.0	-	18	64	b
Cleethorpes	X	-	-	-	-	Penzance	X	0.07	17	63	sh
Colwyn Bay	0.1	0.42	16	61	r	Plymouth	X	-	-	-	-
Cromer	4.3	-	18	64	b	Poole	1.5	0.01	19	66	sh
Doncaster	X	-	-	-	-	Prestatyn	X	0.06	17	63	r
Eastbourne	-	0.19	17	63	r	Ross-o-wye	2.5	0.08	19	66	r
Edinburgh	3.6	0.30	18	64	b	Ryde	X	-	-	-	-
Eskdalemuir	0.2	1.24	14	57	sh	Scarborough	0.3	0.05	17	63	r
Exmouth	0.5	0.11	17	63	r	Sandown	1.3	0.05	18	64	r
Falmouth	0.8	0.02	17	63	r	Seamin Snd	1.2	0.07	19	66	c
Fishguard	0.2	0.25	15	59	sh	Scarboro'	X	-	-	-	-
Folkestone	0.1	0.04	17	63	r	Shanklin	1.1	0.05	17	63	sh
Glasgow	4.7	0.46	18	61	s	Shrewsbury	3.5	0.02	17	63	b
Guernsey	3.4	0.01	20	68	c	Skegness	1.8	-	18	64	c
Hastings	0.1	0.30	17	63	r	Southend	0.7	0.02	17	63	b
Hayling I.	1.5	0.07	18	64	sh	Southport	0.5	0.21	16	61	r
Herne Bay	0.2	0.11	18	64	r	Southsea	2.0	0.01	18	64	sh
Hove	X	0.07	17	63	du	St. Ives	X	-	-	-	-
Hunstanton	4.6	-	18	64	s	Stornoway	7.3	0.02	15	59	s
Ilfracombe	X	-	-	-	-	Swanage	2.7	0.02	18	64	sh
Isle of Man	1.5	0.21	15	59	c	Teignmouth	0.5	0.14	18	64	sh
Jersey	1.2	0.38	19	66	r	Tenby	5.0	0.19	17	63	c
Kinloss	6.0	0.16	17	63	b	Tiree	7.7	0.47	15	59	s
Leeds	2.5	-	19	66	b	Torquay	0.3	0.10	17	63	sh
Lerwick	6.5	0.25	13	55	s	Tynemouth	-	0.02	17	63	c
Leuchars	5.9	0.10	17	63	b	Ventnor	1.5	0.03	17	63	sn
Lidelmptn	0.2	0.53	18	64	r	Weymouth	1.4	-	18	64	r
Liverpool	0.8	0.06	17	63	r	These are Tuesday's figures					

ABROAD

Ajaccio	24	75	s	Cologne	17	63	c	Luxor	35	95	s
Alicante	24	75	s	Corfu	23	73	s	Madrid	25	77	s
Alex'dria	26	79	c	C'phagn	16	61	f	Majorca	23	73	f
Algiers	27	81	f	Dublin	14	57	f	Malaga	26	79	s
Amst'dm	15	61	c	Dubrovnik	21	70	s	Malta	25	77	s
Athens	24	75	s	Faro	21	70	s	Melb'rne	13	55	c
B Aires	16	61	r	Florence	19	66	f	Mexico C	23	73	f
Bahrain	32	90	f	Frankfurt	14	57	r	Milan	19	66	f
Bangkok	32	90	f	Funchal	23	73	c	Montreal	13	55	s
Barbados	X	-	-	Geneva	18	64	f	Moscow	9	48	c
Barcelona	24	75	s	Gibraltar	23	73	s	Munich	20	68	s
Beirut	25	77	f	Helsinki	13	55	c	N Delhi	35	95	s
Belfast	14	57	f	Hong K	27	81	c	N York	26	79	f
Belgrade	24	75	s	Innsbruck	20	68	f	Nairobi	23	73	f
Berlin	20	68	s	Istanbul	18	64	f	Naples	24	75	s
Bermuda	25	77	s	Jeddah	36	97	s	Nice	22	72	f
Biarritz	23	73	s	Jo'burg	X	-	-	Oslo	13	55	c
Borde'x	24	75	s	Karachi	32	90	s	Paris	20	68	c
Brussels	18	64	c	L Angels	27	81	s	Peking	21	70	s
Budapst	17	63	f	L Palmas	25	77	f	Perth	23	73	s
Cairo	27	81	s	Le Tquet	18	64	f	Prague	18	64	f
Cape Tn	19	66	c	Lisbon	20	68	c	Reykjavik	8	46	f
Ch'church	X	-	-	Locarno	17	63	c	Rhodes	22	72	s
Chicago	20	68	s	Luxembg	16	61	c	Rio de J	25	77	f

Riyadh	36	97	s	Tangier	26	79	f	Vienna	13	55	c
Rome	23	73	f	Tel Aviv	25	77	c	Warsaw	17	63	s
S Fr'isco	22	72	s	Tenerife	26	79	f	Wash'ton	28	82	f
S Paulo	23	73	c	Tokyo	28	79	s	Zurich	17	63	f
Salzburg	22	72	s	Toronto	13	55	c				
Santiago	16	61	f	Tunis	29	84	s				
Seoul	19	66	r	Valencia	21	70	r				
Sing'por	25	77	r	Venc'ver	13	55	f				
St'kholm	13	55	c	Venice	20	68	s				
Strasb'rg	16	61	c	Vienna	13	55	c				
Sydney	16	61	c	Warsaw	17	63	s				
Tangier	26	79	f	Wash'ton	28	82	f				
Tel Aviv	25	77	c	Zurich	17	63	f				

These are Tuesday's temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



Changes to chart below from noon: low G will edge slowly NW and fill; low T will drift NE with little change in central pressure; high S will drift E and decline



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10:38	6.30	11:16	6.75	Leith	11:58	5.06	-	-
Aberdeen	10:55	3.90	11:02	4.03	Liverpool	8:24	9.34	8:44	8.97
Avonmouth	4.02	11.29	4:33	12.11	Lowestoft	6:10	2.37	7:11	2.35
Belfast	8:12	3.14	8:30	3.33	Margate	9:03	4.33	9:48	4.61
Cardiff	3:52	10.42	4:26	11.05	Milford Haven	3:22	5.84	3:47	6.37
Devonport	2:51	4.74	3:07	5.06	Newquay	2:10	5.26	2:33	5.19
Dover	8:15	6.03	8:58	6.13	Oban	3:32	3.20	3:39	3.72
Dublin	8:57	3.89	9:05	4.09	Penzance	1:47	4.56	2:10	4.92
Falmouth	2:08	4.39	2:35	4.76	Portland	3:48	1.67	4:07	1.82
Glasgow	9:27	4.23	10:08	4.38	Portsmouth	6:33	4.39	8:53	4.40
Harwich	8:37	3.54	9:25	3.81	Shoreham	8:32	5.57	8:57	5.68
Holyhead	7:44	4.98	7:53	5.36	Southampton	8:00	4.21	8:25	4.21
Hull	3:04	6.56	4:01	6.77	Swansea	5:14	8.25	3:48	8.80
Ilfracombe	2:53	9.06	3:23	8.84	Tees	0:21	4.66	1:14	4.84
King's Lynn	2:59	5.91	3:36	5.99	Wilton-on-Nze	8:26	3.82	9:21	4.09

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Sun rises: 7.07 am
Sun sets: 6.31 pm
Moon sets: 3.15 am
Moon rises: 4.56 pm
London 6.31 pm to 7.09 am
Bristol 6.40 pm to 7.18 am
Edinburgh 6.39 pm to 7.25 am
Manchester 6.35 pm to 7.19 am
Penzance 6.53 pm to 7.29 am
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